

Taking Stock: WALL STREET PARALYZED BY SHUTDOWN



Trader Steven Kaplan works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2013.

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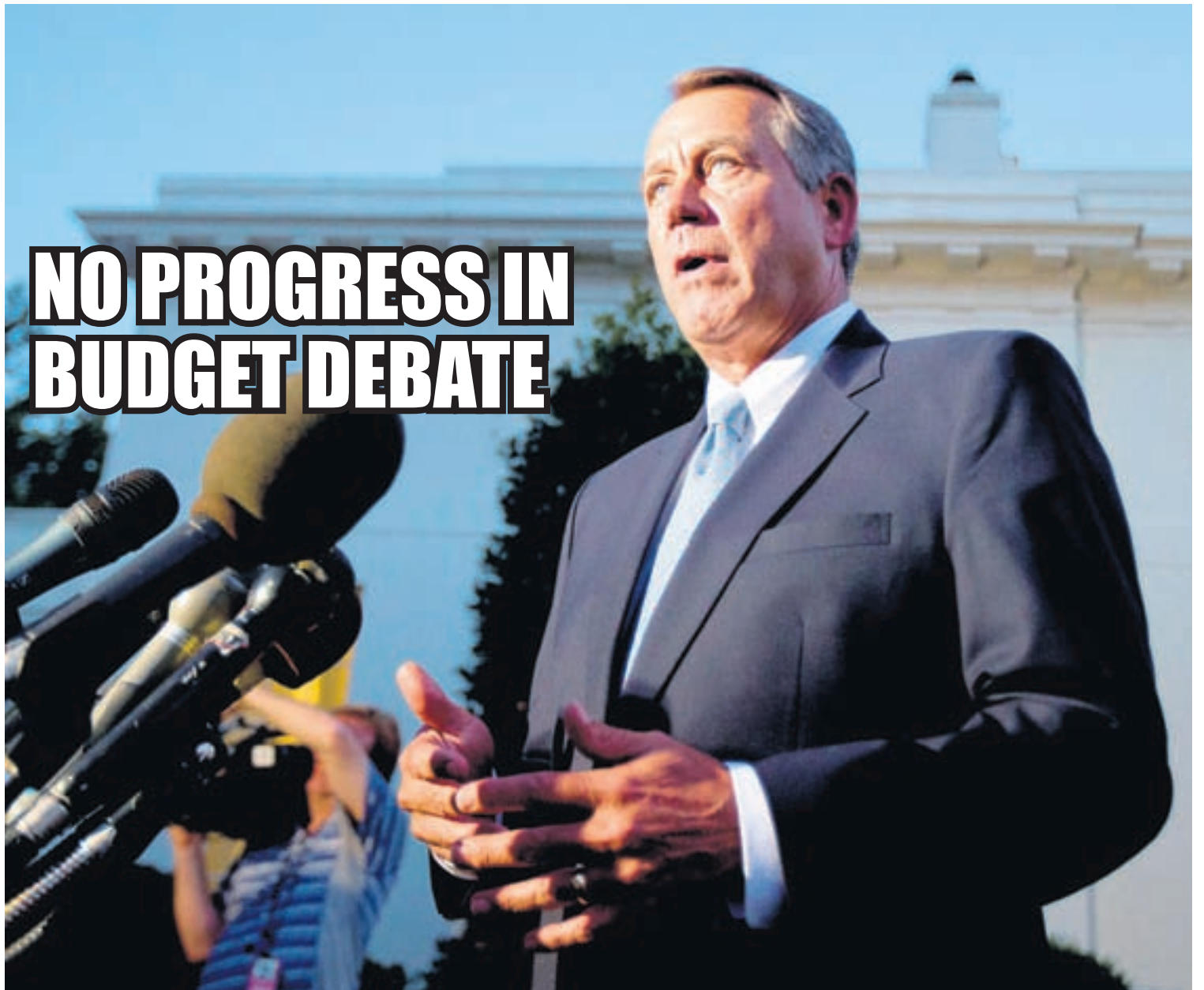
NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street to Washington: end the shutdown and move on. The U.S. stock market ended lower Wednesday as traders, Europe's central banker and Wall Street CEOs urged Congress to stop the two-day government shutdown that has closed national parks, put hundreds of thousands of federal employees on furlough and forced President Barack Obama to cancel an overseas trip.

Wall Street made it clear on that the longer the budget fight drags on, the more its bankers worry about significant damage to the economy and the possibility that Congress won't allow the government to borrow more. The financial market sees that as a disastrous move that could send the U.S. into recession.

"I'm not going out there and beating my chest and saying the world is coming to an end here," said Brad McMillan, the Chief Investment Officer at Commonwealth Financial, an investment adviser. "But we face the possibility for significantly greater disruptions than the market is currently pricing in."

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NO PROGRESS IN BUDGET DEBATE



House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, speaks to reporters following a meeting with President Barack Obama at the White House in Washington, Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2013.

(AP Photo/Manuel Balce Ceneta)

At Press Time:

Obama, lawmakers end meeting with no solution

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WASHINGTON (AP) —

President Barack Obama conferred with congressional leaders at the White House on Wednesday for the first time since a partial government shutdown began, but there were no signs of progress toward ending an impasse that has idled hundreds of thousands of federal workers and curbed federal services around the country. Obama "refuses to negotiate," House Speaker John Boehner told reporters after private talks that lasted more than an

hour.

"All we're asking for here is a discussion and fairness for the American people under Obamacare," he said, referring to the nation's new health care law, the key legislative achievement of Obama's first term. But Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada said, "We're locked in tight on Obamacare" and neither the president nor Democrats in Congress will accept changes in that health care law as the price for spending legislation needed to reopen the government.

Funding for much of the government was cut off Tuesday after a Republican effort to thwart the health care law stalled the short-term, normally routine spending bill.

Public anger mounted as the partial shutdown closed iconic national parks monuments and forced 800,000 employees — nearly a third of the federal workforce — off the job. People classified as essential employees — such as air traffic controllers, Border Patrol agents and most food inspectors — continued to work.

The shutdown forced

Obama to cancel two stops in his long-planned trip to Asia and disrupted government services across the country. It even idled many employees of the nation's intelligence services. With the nation's ability to borrow money soon to lapse, Republicans and Democrats alike said the shutdown that has furloughed an estimated 800,000 federal workers could last for two weeks or more, obliging a divided government to grapple with both issues at the same time.

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In retaliation; 3 Venezuelan envoys expelled by US

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Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— Three Venezuelan diplomats were ordered out of the United States on Tuesday in response to their government's decision to boot three U.S. officials from Venezuela, including the highest-ranking U.S. en-

time frame set by Venezuela for the U.S. envoys.

"It is regrettable that the Venezuelan government has again decided to expel U.S. diplomatic officials based on groundless allegations, which require reciprocal action. It is counterproductive to the interests of both our countries,"

allegations were related to the U.S. Embassy workers' travel to Bolivar state, which is home to troubled state-owned foundries and Venezuela's main hydroelectric plant.

"They were there conducting normal diplomatic engagement, as we've said in the past and should



Kelly Keiderling, Charge d'Affaires of the U.S. embassy in Venezuela, arrives to give a news conference after Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro expelled her and two other embassy officials from the country, in Caracas, Venezuela. Maduro alleged they conspired with "the extreme right" to sabotage the economy and power grid. Keiderling said the allegations were related to their visit to Bolivar state, home to state-owned foundries and the country's main hydroelectric plant. (AP Photo/Fernando Llano)

voy in the country. Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro announced the expulsion of U.S. charge d'affaires Kelly Keiderling and two other diplomats Monday, accusing them of conspiring with "the extreme right" to sabotage the South American country's economy and power grid.

U.S. officials vigorously denied the allegation and had hinted Tuesday afternoon there might be a retaliatory expulsion of Venezuelan envoys.

Late Tuesday, the State Department said it was expelling Venezuelan charge d'affaires Calixto Ortega Rios and Second Secretary Monica Alejandra Sanchez Morales at the Washington embassy and Consul Mariol Gutierrez de Almeida at the Houston consulate. It gave them 48 hours to leave the U.S., the same

the State Department said. Maduro said earlier Tuesday that socialist-led Venezuela will not have cordial relations with the United States as long as U.S. diplomats continue what he alleges are attempts to destabilize his country.

Speaking from the government palace, Maduro said that "while the government of the United States does not understand that it has to respect our country's sovereignty there will be simply be no cordial relations nor cordial communication."

"The day that the government of President (Barack) Obama rectifies the situation we will establish new points of contact to discuss common issues," said Maduro, the hand-picked successor to late President Hugo Chavez.

State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki said the

come as no surprise," Psaki said. In a news conference in Caracas, Keiderling said she and the other diplomats would leave Venezuela on Wednesday before the 48-hour deadline expired. "The work of the embassy will continue. It doesn't matter very much if it is one person or another" doing it, she said.

She said that if the accusation against them was that they had met with Venezuelans then "it is true. We met with Venezuelans."

"These meetings with civil society can be with (the independent election monitoring group) Sumate, they can be with a group of women, with mothers who have lost children or with an environmental group that wants to lobby for cleaning a park," she said. "If we aren't talking with these people, we aren't doing our jobs." □

LATIN & CARIBBEAN BRIEFS

Colombia ambassador to Russia quitting

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Colombia's ambassador to Russia Rafael Amador has told a local radio station that he's quit his post amid anonymous charges of child sex abuse. Amador told Colombian radio La FM in a Wednesday interview from Moscow that he's stepping aside voluntarily so President Juan Manuel Santos and his government won't be harmed by the rumors. In the interview, Amador denied as "absurd" the charges that have appeared in Colombian media in recent days, citing anonymous young Colombians claiming he sexually abused them. Colombia's Embassy in Moscow didn't immediately return calls from The AP.

Glencore to close Dominican nickel mine

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) — Mining group Glencore Xstrata PLC says it will temporarily close the Falcondo nickel mine in the Dominican Republic that it had been seeking to expand amid environmental opposition. Falcondo mine spokesman Alain Astacio says the mine will close for an estimated two to three years because of falling nickel prices. The company is laying off 900 of 1,000 employees and about 700 contractors. The ferronickel mine is north of Santo Domingo in the Bonao region of the country. A U.N. panel had warned the project would threaten water, wildlife and wetlands in the area.

Bolivia finds \$1 million tossed from plane

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP) — Bolivian officials say they've found \$1 million in a bag tossed from an airplane. Government Minister Carlos Romero says anti-drug police spotted a man who was signaling to a low-flying plane at a clandestine landing strip. As the plane swooped low, a bag filled with money was tossed out. Romero says police arrested three people and seized two vehicles, a rifle and an automatic weapon during Sunday's operation in Tigre. The plane escaped. He says the operation foiled plans to create a drug factory. Bolivian officials defend use of coca as a traditional stimulant, but try to prosecute those who try to turn it into cocaine and trade in it.

Puerto Rico seeks to help coffee industry

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Puerto Rico's governor says he plans to boost the island's sluggish coffee industry by generating 6,000 new jobs and cultivating an additional 16,000 acres (6,400 hectares) in the next two years. Alejandro Garcia Padilla said Wednesday that the government will recruit workers in January and award \$4.2 million in fertilizer incentives. He said another \$670,000 will be available under a production subsidy program. The island loses an estimated 35 percent of each year's crop because there is no one to pick it. Some 80,000 pounds of coffee were collected during the most recent harvest, one of the lowest in the island's history.

Rio police officers blamed for slum killing

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — Investigators in Rio de Janeiro are asking that 10 police officers be charged in the torture and killing of a slum dweller. Police investigators said Wednesday that the officers are suspected of torturing and killing Amarildo de Souza in the Rocinha slum. He was a bricklayer and the father of six children. Investigators believe the officers later discarded Souza's remains, which have not been found. Under Brazilian law, prosecutors now have 30 days to decide whether to file charges against the officers. □



U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel arrives at Yokota Air Base outside of Tokyo in Fussa, Japan, Oct. 2, 2013. Hagel said a "pivot" in American foreign policy in Asia remained a priority, despite conflicts in the Middle East and budget crises at home.

(Jacquelyn Martin/The New York Times)

In Asia, Hagel pursues 'pivot' in US policy and defense strategy

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WASHINGTON/SEOUL - In the four years since he announced a shift in U.S. foreign policy and defense strategy to counter China's ambitions in Asia, President Barack Obama has found himself perpetually sidelined from his goals by a series of escalating conflicts in the Middle East and budget crises at home. A long-planned trip to the area in two weeks has been partially wiped out because of the government shutdown. But Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel is forging ahead with a military agenda that reflects the Obama administration's rising security and economic interests in the region and his own passions for Asia. After only seven months in the job, Hagel is here this week on his third trip as defense secretary to the region, including four days in South Korea - the longest stay by a U.S. defense secretary in a generation - and a stop in Japan.

The Asian rebalance, "is a priority," Hagel said at a news conference Wednesday here with the South Korean defense minister, Kim Kwan-jin. "You always adjust your resources to match your priorities."

For Hagel, whose bruising January confirmation hearing, along with Obama's diminished interest in the Pentagon, has left him overshadowed by his former Senate colleague,

Secretary of State John Kerry, the so-called Asia pivot is both a test and an opportunity.

"With Secretary Kerry spending most of his time and energy on the Middle East, additional responsibility has fallen on Hagel to demonstrate the United States commitment to Asia," said Ely Ratner, the deputy director of the Asia-Pacific Security Program at the Center for a New American Security.

But, said Ratner, Hagel's efforts are "arguably at the cost of reinforcing perceptions in the region that the rebalancing policy is primarily a military endeavor." In Washington, some defense policy experts criticize the policy, saying it amounts to little militarily and is largely a repackaging of existing policies. Further, the policy has antagonized the Chinese, which some experts believe is needless.

Pentagon officials say they are managing the tensions while devoting new resources to a region of increased strategic interest after 12 years of war in Iraq and Afghanistan. They also argue that the "pivot" was meant to be focused on diplomacy and trade, but that their military might in the region - four littoral combat ships to be deployed in Singapore, increased joint military exercises with Asia and 2,500 Marines in Darwin, Australia - are more visible. □

At Press Time:

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The Republican-controlled House approved legislation to reopen the nation's parks and the National Institutes of Health, even though many Democrats criticized them as part of a piecemeal approach that fell far short of what was needed.

The bills face dim prospects in the Senate, and the White House threatened to veto both in the unlikely event they make it to Obama's desk.

"What we're trying to do

is to get the government open as quickly as possible," said the House majority leader, Rep. Eric Cantor. "And all that it would take is us realizing we have a lot in agreement."

The stock market ended lower as Wall Street CEOs, Europe's central banker and traders pressed for a solution before serious damage is done to the economy. Chief executives from the nation's biggest financial firms met Obama for more than an hour Wednesday, some of them plainly frustrated with the tactics at play in

Congress and with the potential showdown coming over the debt limit.

"You can re-litigate these policy issues in a political forum, but we shouldn't use threats of causing the U.S. to fail on its obligations to repay its debt as a cudgel," Lloyd Blankfein, CEO of Goldman Sachs, said after the meeting.

In an interview with CNBC before meeting with lawmakers, Obama said he would not negotiate with Republicans until the government is reopened and Congress votes to raise the debt limit. □



House Minority Leader Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., left, with Senate Majority Leader Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., speaks to reporters following a meeting with President Barack Obama and the Republican leadership at the White House in Washington, Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2013. Obama and congressional leaders met at the White House on the second day of a partial government shutdown.

(AP Photo/Manuel Balce Ceneta)

\$1M bail for suspect in airport bomb threat

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JACKSONVILLE, Florida (AP) — A judge set bail at \$1 million Wednesday for a man originally from Bosnia accused of telling security screeners at the Jacksonville International Airport he had a bomb in his backpack, prompting the evacuation of the airport. Authorities did not find any explosives.

Zeljko Causevic, 39, remained silent during his brief hearing before Duval County Court Judge Russell Healey on charges of making a false report about planting a bomb and possessing a hoax bomb.

According to a Jacksonville Sheriff's Office arrest report,

Causevic, a naturalized U.S. citizen, approached a Transportation Security Administration agent Tuesday, saying he had a device in his camouflage backpack that was "supposed to be a bomb, but it's not." Inside the backpack, officials found a small luggage scale with two batteries and a microchip. He told authorities he had a "detonator," which was a remote control device, and his bag also contained a cellphone.

The Joint Terrorism Task Force interviewed Causevic and he was arrested. The threat shut down the airport for about five hours Tuesday night, delaying outbound flights and

stranding passengers on planes on the tarmac.

It was unclear whether Causevic was getting onto a flight, and authorities have not released a motive. The FBI, airport police and the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office are continuing to investigate.

Phone numbers listed for Causevic were disconnected. Arlie Gentry was on a Southwest flight arriving from New York via Baltimore just before 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

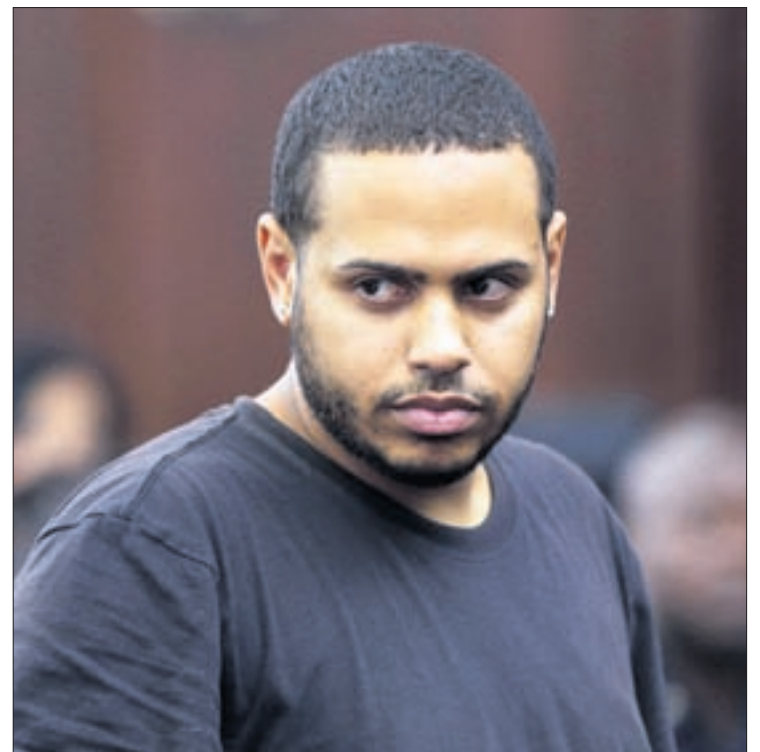
"We moved from one spot on the runway to another spot," said Gentry, who was reached on his cellphone while still on the plane. "They told us we couldn't get off the plane." □

Suspect arraigned in motorcycle brawl in New York

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Associated Press
NEW YORK (AP) — A motorcyclist was charged Wednesday with reckless driving after prosecutors said he touched off a tense encounter with the driver of a sport utility vehicle and a throng of other bikers that ended with

blood and broken bones on a Manhattan street. Christopher Cruz, 28, of New Jersey, declined to comment as he was released on \$1,500 bail, facing misdemeanor charges that also include unlawful imprisonment. His attorney, H. Benjamin Perez, said his client denied all the allegations.

Cruz is the only person charged criminally so far in the Sunday encounter that was caught on a helmet-mounted camera worn by another biker and was posted online anonymously. The Manhattan district attorney's office decided not immediately to prosecute a second person ar-



Christopher Cruz appears in criminal court in New York, Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2013. Cruz, 28, of New Jersey, was charged Wednesday with reckless driving after prosecutors said he touched off a tense encounter with the driver of a sport utility vehicle and a throng of other bikers that ended with blood and broken bones on a Manhattan street. He was also charged with unlawful imprisonment. His bail was set at \$1,500 cash. (AP Photo/Seth Wenig)

rested, Allen Edwards, 42, who surrendered to police on Tuesday. But prosecutors said the investigation continues, and they served notice that they intend to take the case against Cruz to a grand jury — a sign that more serious charges are likely. Karen Friedman-Agnifilo, the prosecutor overseeing the investigation, said authorities were trying to build the strongest cases possible. Prosecutors and police said Cruz was participating in a motorcycle rally speeding along Manhat-

tan's West Side Highway. Cruz cut in front of a black Range Rover and, still staring at its driver, slowed down so much that the rear tire of his motorcycle bumped the front of the SUV, they said. He got off and approached the SUV, prosecutors said. Video captured the moment as about two dozen riders slowed down, swarming the SUV and blocking its path. Some dismounted and approached the vehicle. Police said some of the bikers then began damaging the Range Rover. □

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Feds shut down drugs website

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Associated Press
NEW YORK (AP) — A hidden website operated by a San Francisco man using an alias from "The Princess Bride" became a vast black market bazaar that brokered more than \$1 billion in transactions for illegal drugs and services, according to court papers made public on Wednesday in New York. A criminal complaint in New York charged the alleged mastermind, Ross William Ulbricht, with narcotics trafficking, computer hacking and money laundering.

A separate indictment in Maryland also accused him in a failed murder-for-hire scheme. The website, Silk Road, allowed users to anonymously browse through nearly 13,000 listings under categories like "Cannibus," "Psychedelics" and "Stimulants" before making purchases using the electronic currency Bitcoin. One listing for heroin promised buyers "all rock, no powder, vacuum sealed and stealth shipping," and had a community forum below where one person commented, "Quality is superb." □




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Jury rejects claim that Jackson promoter negligent

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AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A jury cleared concert promoter AEG Live on Wednesday of negligence in the hiring of the doctor convicted of killing Michael Jackson.

lions of dollars in damages for Katherine Jackson and the singer's three children and provided a rebuke of AEG Live LLC, the nation's second-largest concert promoter. Lawyers for Katherine

insomnia. It also took jurors behind the scenes in the rough and tumble world of negotiations with one of the world's most famous entertainers looking to solidify his legendary status after scandal interrupted

Testimony at the civil trial showed that only Jackson and Murray knew he was taking the drug. In his closing argument, AEG Live attorney Marvin Putnam told jurors that the company would have

ricified the pop star's life in a quest to boost their own fortunes.

Panish asked jurors: "Do people do things they shouldn't do for money? People do it every day."

He said a \$150,000-a-month contract to care for Jackson was a lifeline to help Murray climb out of his financial troubles, which included \$500,000 in debt. AEG Live, meanwhile, had only one interest — launching a world tour for the King of Pop that would yield untold millions in profits, the lawyer said.

AEG Live's lawyers framed the case as being about personal choice, saying Jackson made bad choices about the drug that killed him and the doctor who provided it.

They said he was the architect of his own demise and no one else can be blamed.

Putnam said Jackson insisted on hiring the cardiologist, despite objections from AEG Live.

"It was his money and he certainly wasn't going to take no for an answer," the lawyer said.

Putnam portrayed AEG Live and its executives as victims of deception by Jackson and Murray. He showed brief excerpts from the "This Is It" documentary to show that Jackson appeared in top form just 12 hours before he died.

"AEG Live did not have a crystal ball," he said. "Dr. Murray and Mr. Jackson fooled everyone. They want to blame AEG for something no one saw." □



Baliffs are sworn in to protect the jury as Brian Panish, foreground, attorney for the Michael Jackson family waits in a downtown Los Angeles courtroom. A jury cleared concert promoter AEG Live on Wednesday of negligence in the hiring of the doctor convicted of killing Michael Jackson.

(AP Photo/AI Seib)

The panel unanimously rejected a lawsuit brought by Jackson's mother that sought to financially punish AEG Live LLC, the promoters of her son's "This Is It" concerts planned for London.

"I couldn't be more pleased with the way the jury came out. They got it exactly right," AEG Live lead defense attorney Marvin S. Putnam said after the verdict was read. Katherine Jackson told reporters she was OK after the verdict.

A victory could have meant hundreds of mil-

Jackson argued that AEG Live hired Dr. Conrad Murray to be the singer's physician without considering whether he was fit for the job.

AEG Live denied any wrongdoing and said it was Jackson who hired Murray.

Murray was convicted in 2011 of involuntary manslaughter after giving Jackson the overdose as he prepared for a series of comeback shows.

The case provided the closest look yet at Jackson's drug use and his battles against chronic pain and

his career.

Witnesses said he saw the "This Is It" concerts as a chance for personal redemption after being acquitted of child molestation.

But as the opening date of the shows approached, associates testified that he had bouts of insecurity and agonized over his inability to sleep. They said he turned to the drug propofol and found Murray, who was willing to buy it in bulk and administer it to him on a nightly basis even though it is not meant to be used outside operating rooms.

pulled the plug on the shows if they knew he was using the anesthetic.

"AEG would have never agreed to finance this tour if they knew Mr. Jackson was playing Russian roulette in his bedroom every night,"

Brian Panish, a lawyer for the Jackson family, countered that AEG Live was negligent by not looking far enough to find out what it needed to know about Murray. He claimed in his closing argument that the lure of riches turned the company and Murray into mercenaries who sac-

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NSA official admits testing US cellphone tracking

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WASHINGTON (AP) — National Security Agency chief Gen. Keith Alexander revealed Wednesday that his spy agency once tested whether it could track Americans' cellphone locations, in addition to its practice of sweeping broad information about calls made.

Alexander and Director of National Intelligence James Clapper testified at a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on proposed reforms to the NSA's surveillance of phone and internet usage around the world, exposed in June by former NSA analyst Edward Snowden. But neither spy chief discussed proposed reforms; instead they were questioned about new potential abuses that have come to light since then. Alexander denied a New York Times report published Saturday that said NSA searched social networks of Americans searching for foreign terror connections, and detailed 12 previously revealed cases of abuse by NSA employees who used the network for unsanctioned missions like spying on a spouse. He said all employees were caught and most were disciplined.

Alexander and Clapper also told lawmakers that the government shutdown that began Tuesday over a budget impasse is seriously damaging the intelligence community's ability to guard against threats. They said they're keeping counterterrorism staff at work as well as those providing intelligence to

troops in Afghanistan, but that some 70 percent of the civilian workforce has been furloughed. Any details on the jobs held by the furloughed employees is classified.

Congress is mulling changes to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act that some believe allows the NSA too much freedom in gathering U.S. data as part of spying on tar-

right now because when we identify a number, we give it to the FBI," Alexander said. "When they get their probable cause, they can get the locational data." He said if the NSA thought it needed to track someone that way, it would go back to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court — the secret court that authorizes its spying missions — for approval. He added

said the NSA released the information in letters to the House and Senate Intelligence Committees ahead of the Judiciary Committee meeting Wednesday. Wyden was not satisfied with Alexander's answer. "After years of stonewalling on whether the government has ever tracked or planned to track the location of law abiding Americans through their



National Security Agency Director Gen. Keith Alexander testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2013, before the Senate Judiciary Committee oversight hearing on the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. U.S. intelligence officials say the government shutdown is seriously damaging the intelligence community's ability to guard against threats.

(AP Photo/ Evan Vucci)

gets overseas. Alexander told the committee that his agency once tested, in 2010 and 2011, whether it could track Americans' cellphone locations, but he says the NSA does not use that capability, leaving that to the FBI to build a criminal or foreign intelligence case against a suspect and track him.

"This may be something that is a future requirement for the country but it is not

that his agency reported the tests to both House and Senate intelligence committees, and that the data was never used for intelligence analysis. Only last week, Alexander refused to answer questions from Sen. Ron Wyden, a Democrat, about whether his agency had ever collected or planned to collect such "cell-site" data, as it is called, saying it was classified, but the general

cellphones, once again, the intelligence leadership has decided to leave most of the real story secret — even when the truth would not compromise national security," he said.

Alexander acknowledged his agency collects data from social networks and other commercial databases to hunt foreign terror suspects but is not using the information to build private files on Americans. □

Beanie Baby creator cries, pleads guilty

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Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — The billionaire who created Beanie Babies broke down crying in court Wednesday as he pleaded guilty to one count of tax evasion for hiding \$25 million in income in secret Swiss bank accounts.

H. Ty Warner, 69, also apologized as he stood before a federal judge in Chicago, removing his designer tortoise-shell glasses and wiping away tears as he struggled to regain his composure.

"I have so much to be thankful for," said the suburban Chicago businessman, his voice breaking as he cited his Illinois-based stuffed-toy company, TY Inc. "There is no excuse for my actions."

The toy-maker's 18-page plea deal says guidelines call for a prison term of around four years — a calculation that makes it likely he'll serve time behind bars. It also requires he pay a \$53 million civil penalty.

As Judge Charles Kocoras began questioning Warner about his intention to plead guilty, Warner cupped his hand over his ear, asking the judge if he could speak up. "My hearing isn't so good," Warner said.

When asked if he understood the potential penalties included prison, Warner replied quietly, "Yes, sir." Beanie Babies first appeared in the '90s, triggering a craze for the plush toys fashioned into bears and other animals. □

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US Financial Front: American companies added 166,000 jobs in September

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. businesses added just 166,000 jobs in September, only slightly more than the previous two months. The lack of improvement in hiring, along with the threat of a prolonged government shutdown, could help persuade the Federal Reserve to delay scaling back its stimulus. Payroll company ADP said Wednesday that private employers added just 159,000 jobs in August and 161,000 in July. Both were lower than the previous estimates. The figures are taking on greater importance because they may be the only measure of the September job market for some time. The Labor Department will have to delay its September jobs report, scheduled for Friday, now that it appears the government shutdown will go past Wednesday. The ADP data suggest that the U.S. economy is growing too slowly to rapidly boost hiring. Economists forecast that it expanded by a 1.5 percent to 2 percent annual rate in the July-September quarter, down from a 2.5 percent annual rate in the April-June quarter.

At the same time, hiring has slowed, according to the government's more comprehensive employment figures. Employers have added 155,000 jobs a month in the four months through August. That's down from an average of 205,000 in the first four months of the year. The ADP figures show job growth remained sluggish in September.

"The job market appears to have softened in recent months," said Mark

Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics, which helps compile the report. "While job growth has slowed, there remains a general resilience in the market. Job creation continues to be consistent with a slowly declining unemployment rate."

Joseph LaVorgna, chief U.S. economist at Deutsche Bank, said the pace of job creation remains too weak to convince the Fed to scale back its \$85-billion-a-month in bond purchases at its meeting later this month. And the partial government shutdown could slow economic growth, particularly if it lasts more than a week. A prolonged shutdown may lead the Fed to delay any reduction in its purchases until next year. "My sense is folks on the Fed would want to wait and see what the fallout is from that," Zandi said. "It's more likely to be early next year rather than this year." Prior to the shutdown, economists had been optimistic that economic growth could strengthen in the October-December quarter to an annual rate between 2.5 percent and 3 percent. But David Stockton, an economist at the Peterson Institute for International Economics, estimates the shutdown will shave about 0.15 percentage points off the economy's growth rate each week it lasts.

The ADP report covers hiring only in the private sector. The figures often diverge from the government's more comprehensive jobs report. The government's September jobs report is expected to show that employers added 180,000 jobs, while the unemployment rate was unchanged at 7.3 percent. □



In this Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2013, photo, registered nurse Salanda Bowman, left, talks with part-time Kentucky Wesleyan College student, Jason Ward, of Whitesville, about job openings at the Owensboro Health Regional Hospital during a Regional Career and Job Fair in the Owensboro Sports Center in Owensboro, Ky. Payroll processor ADP reported mild job growth for September on Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2013.

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Weapons experts start Syria mission amid clashes

BARBARA SURK
Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — Deadly clashes raged on the edge of Damascus on Wednesday and rival rebel factions battled each other in northern Syria as international chemical weapons inspectors began to secure the sites where they will work.

The fighting underscored the immense security challenge that the dozens of disarmament experts must negotiate as they work amid the civil war to meet tight deadlines for eliminating President Bashar Assad's estimated 1,000-ton arsenal of chemical weapons. The inspectors' mission — endorsed by a U.N. Security Council resolution passed last week — is to scrap Syria's capacity to manufacture chemical weapons by Nov. 1 and destroy its entire stockpile by mid-2014.

A convoy of SUVs with U.N. markings departed the central Damascus hotel where the team from the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons is staying as the inspectors headed out for their first full day in the country. The U.N. and OPCW said

in a statement that "joint work with the Syrian authorities has begun on securing the sites where the team will operate, especially in outlying areas." It added that planning continues for disabling production facilities as do discussions on the size of Syria's stockpile.

One of the challenges the inspectors face is navigating the war itself.

On the northern edge of Damascus, fierce clashes between Syrian troops and al-Qaida-linked fighters killed at least 19 soldiers and pro-government militiamen in the past three days, according to the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights.

The fighting in the contested district of Barzeh flared Monday when the army stepped up attacks against opposition forces who have been trying to capture the area for months, the Observatory said. Districts such as Barzeh, on the edge of Damascus, are important for rebels based in the capital's outer suburbs as the fighters try to move closer to the heart of the city.

The rebels, mostly from the ranks of al-Qaida-linked Jabhat al-Nusra fighters,

also sustained losses but did not disclose them, the Observatory said. It also noted clashes in Jobar on the capital's eastern edge. In northern Syria, the Observatory reported clashes between al-Qaida rebels and more moderate groups in

from the Western-backed Free Syrian Army, the Observatory said. There were no reports of casualties.

The rebel infighting, which in recent months has risen in intensity, adds a new layer of complication to the 2½-year-old conflict, in

mission. An advance group of 19 OPCW experts and 14 U.N. staff members arrived Tuesday in Damascus, and they will be joined within a week by a second group of inspectors. Syrian Information Minister Omran al-Zoubi told The Associated Press



Syrian opposition fighters run for cover from sniper fire during skirmishes with government forces in a frontline located at the top of a mountain in the countryside of Syria. Deadly clashes raged on the edge of Damascus on Wednesday and rival rebel factions battled each other in northern Syria as international chemical weapons inspectors began to secure the sites where they will work.

(AP Photo)

the town of Azaz on the Turkish border. Militants from the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant made advances against fighters

which more than 100,000 have been killed. Syria's war is the first that inspectors from the OPCW have faced in a disarmament

that the country will cooperate with the OPCW and facilitate the experts' mission, "including destroying the (chemical) stockpile."

Russian Embassy in Libya attacked, 1 Libyan killed

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Associated Press

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — An armed mob broke into the Russian Embassy compound in the Libyan capital Tripoli Wednesday after a Russian woman was accused of killing a Libyan air force pilot, and one of the attackers was killed by random gunfire, Libyan officials said.

The Russian Foreign Ministry said none of the embassy staff was wounded.

The Libyan official said the

attackers climbed the walls of the embassy compound from three different directions, firing in the air, and broke down its metal gate. The shooting wounded five, one of whom later died.

An attack last year on a U.S. compound in the eastern city of Benghazi killed the U.S. ambassador and three other Americans.

The official said the attackers also brought down the Russian flag hanging in the balcony of one of the buildings.

But the attackers didn't enter the embassy buildings, he said, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to the media.

Russia's Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova confirmed the attack, saying on Ekho Moskv radio that according to preliminary information no one among the embassy personnel was wounded.

The attackers were apparently reacting to the killing

of a Libyan air force pilot Tuesday.

Libyan authorities apprehended a Russian woman, accusing her of killing the pilot, then writing offensive graffiti in his blood. The woman later went on to stab and wound the pilot's mother, authorities say. Her alleged motives were not clear.

In the graffiti scribbled on the walls, she allegedly expressed sentiments against the Libyan uprising that drove longtime

leader Moammar Gadhafi from power after an eight-month civil war in 2011.

Libya has been hit by a months-long wave of targeted killings against activists, judges and security agents.

On Wednesday, gunmen in Benghazi shot dead a naval officer and his 7-year-old son before fleeing the scene.

Most killings are presumed to be the work of armed factions, often acting out of revenge. □



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Greece:

Head of right-wing Golden Dawn party appears in court

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ATHENS, Greece (AP) — The head of Greece's extremist right-wing Golden Dawn party testified into the early hours of Thursday on charges of running a criminal organization as part of an investigation into his party triggered by the killing of a left-wing rapper. Nikos Michaloliakos was led into a central Athens courthouse on Wednesday evening wearing handcuffs. More than 100 supporters waved Greek flags and chanted "Blood, Honor, Golden Dawn."

Earlier, the investigating magistrates ordered the release of three party lawmakers in a marathon court session. A fourth lawmaker, Yiannis Lagos, was jailed pending trial. All have denied the charges against them. The government, which has vowed to eradicate Golden Dawn, insisted the case against the Nazi-inspired party was still on track despite the releases.

"This essentially changes nothing. Their charges stand, the investigation is ongoing and the evidence is being gathered," Interior Minister Yiannis Michelakis said on Skai television. "We are at the first stage of this investigation."

Golden Dawn, which the government has described as a "Nazi creation," rose from the margins of Greece's political scene to become the third most popular party in Greece amid the country's severe financial crisis.

It has long been blamed for a series of violent attacks, mostly against immigrants. The party denies it is behind

any violent attacks.

Party spokesman Ilias Kasidiaris was released on 50,000-euro (\$67,770) bail. No bail was set for the other two lawmakers, Ilias Panagiotaros and Nikos Michos. All three were banned from leaving the country.

They stormed out of the court building, with Kasidiaris punching a television cameraman and kicking a photographer as he went. They swore at and threatened journalists as they headed out of the court complex, and later as they left police headquarters after collecting their personal belongings.

"There's political motivation hidden behind this," Kasidiaris' lawyer Pavlos Sarakis said of the case against his client. Sarakis was expelled from Prime Minister Antonis Samaras' New Democracy party after he took the case to defend the Golden Dawn spokesman.

"It is clear that the judiciary has refused to follow the orders of a government enslaved to foreigners," the party said in an online statement after the decision to free three of the four lawmakers.

"The unconstitutional, blatantly illegal government conspiracy is collapsing under the huge weight of truth and common sense." Golden Dawn's leadership was arrested over the weekend in a crackdown sparked by last month's stabbing death of 34-year-old left-wing rapper Pavlos Fyssas.

The man arrested for the attack identified himself to police as being involved in Golden Dawn.

The party has vehemently denied any role in the killing. □



Leader of the extreme far-right Golden Dawn party, Nikos Michaloliakos, center, smiles to his supporters as he escorted by anti-terror police upon his arrival to a court for a preliminary hearing into charges of participating in a criminal organization in Athens, Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2013. Three lawmakers from Greece's extremist right-wing Golden Dawn party were released from custody Wednesday pending trial, after they provided initial testimony in criminal investigation triggered by the slaying of a left-wing rapper. A fourth lawmaker, Ioannis Lagos, was jailed pending trial. (AP Photo/Thanassis Stavrakis)

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Greenpeace charged with piracy: Russia

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MOSCOW (AP) — Greenpeace said Wednesday that 14 of its activists who were detained after protesting at a Russian oil platform have been charged with piracy, a crime punishable by up to 15 years in prison.

The environmental activists from Argentina, Brazil, Britain, Finland, the Netherlands, Poland, Russia and Sweden were among 30 people from 18 countries who were on board the Greenpeace ship that was seized by the Russian coast guard following the Sept. 18 protest. Those charged Wednesday by the court in the Arctic city of Murmansk included 13 Greenpeace activists and a freelance British video journalist.

Two of the activists had tried to scale an offshore platform owned by Russian state-controlled energy giant Gazprom to call attention to the environmental risks of drilling in Arctic waters.

More activists were expected to be formally charged on Thursday and Friday, Greenpeace said. All 30 were being held in jails in Murmansk, a port above the Arctic Circle.

President Vladimir Putin said last week that he doesn't think the Greenpeace activists are pirates, which triggered hopes for their release. But Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev on Wednesday urged energy companies to adopt more stringent security measures and said the government should consider tougher penalties for those who attack or trespass on the grounds of Russian oil and gas infrastructure.

"Concern for the environment must not cover up unlawful actions, whatever lofty goals the people who were taking part in them espoused," Medvedev was quoted by Russian news agencies as saying. The platform, which belongs to Gazprom's oil subsidiary, is the first offshore rig in the Arctic. □

Berlusconi weakened by political about-face

COLLEEN BARRY

Associated Press

MILAN (AP) — Silvio Berlusconi's failed attempt to topple the Italian government has left him weaker than ever, zapped of the aura of invincibility that has surrounded him for two decades as he faces the possible loss of his Senate seat and a ban from politics.

ta's government in a confidence vote.

It was a face-saving measure that came after key loyalists in Berlusconi's center-right party refused to follow his bid to collapse the coalition government as fallout over his tax-fraud conviction. The conviction carries a four-year prison sentence that endangers

electoral success largely through his personal appeal. Berlusconi's retreat bestows a measure of stability on Letta's 5-month-old left-right coalition which won confidence votes in both houses and faces the daunting task of trying to revive Italy's economy. And while Berlusconi was left bruised and battered,

financial resources, the resources of the 6 or 7 million voters who will follow him down the abyss. That is why he cannot be counted out, even with his options being closed. "Whether Berlusconi can ever again face the electorate is far from certain because his judicial woes are narrowing his ability to maneuver.

His appeals over his tax fraud conviction were exhausted this summer, and he now faces a prison term, the loss of his Senate seat and a political ban that will bar him from running in new elections.

Berlusconi's theatrics — pushing for the government to fall, then saving it at the last minute — are a sign of the nervousness provoked by his judicial woes, said Giuseppe Orsina, a political scientist who this summer published a book about Berlusconi's influence in Italy.

"This is another paradox," Orsina said. "It wasn't in his interest to make the government fall, from the point of view of his companies, and it was not politically rational. It was rational in the protection of his honor ... It was an act of political pride."

Despite being weakened, Orsina said Berlusconi "remains a protagonist in the political life. Today he suffered a defeat that is the first in the history of his party."

A Senate committee is due to vote in the coming days on whether to recommend stripping Berlusconi of his seat following his conviction of tax fraud and its four-year sentence. □



People of Freedom party leader Silvio Berlusconi rubs his eyes after delivering his speech at the Senate, in Rome, Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2013. Berlusconi acknowledged defeat Wednesday and announced he would support the government of Premier Enrico Letta, a stunning about-face on the Senate floor after defections in his party robbed him of the support he needed to bring down the government. It was a major setback for Berlusconi, who had demanded his five Cabinet ministers quit the government and bring it down, incensed at a vote planned Friday that could strip him of his Senate seat following his tax fraud conviction and four-year prison sentence.

(AP Photo/Gregorio Borgia)

Still, it is unlikely to be his last act.

The 77-year-old three-time former premier staged one of Italy's most stunning political plot twists in memory on Wednesday when he took the Senate floor at the last minute to announce that he would, after all, support Premier Enrico Let-

his role as a legislator.

"We have decided, not without internal strife, to vote in confidence" Berlusconi said.

Though he tried to look magnanimous, it was the billionaire media mogul's first-ever defeat within the party he founded and which has achieved

political analysts argue he is not yet out of the picture. "Berlusconi is not finished," said Roberto D'Alimonte of Rome's LUISS University. "This is another step toward the end, but it is not the end yet. The end will come with a major electoral defeat. "He has great resources. He has media resources,

North Korean officials hold informal talks with US

LONDON (AP) — U.S. experts met with officials from North Korea for informal talks in London on Wednesday over the resumption of stalled international discussions on Pyongyang's nuclear program.

The private meeting at a London hotel aimed to revive the deadlocked six-party talks.

Pyongyang withdrew from the aid-for-disarmament

talks in 2009, and over the past year it has made clear it wants to be treated as a nuclear weapons state.

Stephen Bosworth, a former U.S. special envoy for North Korean policy, said the meeting was "cordial and respectful."

He declined to comment on what was covered or whether it made any progress.

"That's a question for gov-

ernments, not for me," said Bosworth.

Pyongyang has called for a new round of denuclearization talks without preconditions, but U.S. officials have rejected holding new discussions before the North makes a clear commitment to carry out earlier promises to disarm.

China and Russia have supported efforts to get the dialogue with North Korea

back on track, while South Korea and Japan both remain suspicious of calls to restart the talks.

Britain's Foreign Office confirmed that North Korean officials were in the U.K. for informal diplomatic talks. It said British officials, who are not part of the six-party framework, will meet with Pyongyang's Vice Minister Ri Yong-ho separately as part of bilateral relations. □

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UK's Cameron: Conservatives party of opportunity

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Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — British Prime Minister David Cameron tried to soothe a restive party and woo a skeptical electorate Wednesday with a 50-minute speech that boiled down to one central theme: It's the economy, stupid. Britain's battered economy has dominated Cameron's three-and-half years in office, a period of deep recession, weak recovery and government austerity. With the economy growing once again, if slowly, Cameron felt able to say: Trust us, we're on the right track. "We are not there by a long way," Cameron said in a speech to his Conservative Party's annual conference. "But we are on our way." It's not just undecided voters Cameron needs to convince. His center-right

party is worried by declining membership, leaking support to a right-wing rival and wondering whether Cameron — rich, smooth and seemingly socially liberal — is the right leader for the next election in 2015. Cameron promised pro-business policies and educational reforms to make Britain "a land of opportunity for all," but said the government would not waver from the spending cuts that have reduced services and eliminated thousands of public-sector jobs. "To abandon deficit reduction now would throw away all the progress we have made," Cameron told Conservatives gathered in Manchester, north-west England. His speech was the climax of the political conference season, which has seen all Britain's main parties rally

the faithful and appeal to voters ahead of a national election 18 months from now. Cameron's Tories currently govern in coalition with the centrist Liberal Democrats, but hope to

vatives, though the margin is so small that no party can be confident of victory. In a keynote address that was more about broad vision than concrete policy proposals, Cameron reeled

side of hardworking people," promising to cut taxes and red tape and unleash the power of economic innovation. "Profit, wealth creation, tax cuts, enterprise are not dirty, elitist words," Cameron said. "They're not the problem, they really are the solution." Cameron, 46, strode confidently onstage to a song by The Killers, but his speech revealed a prime minister at pains to fend off attacks from both left and right. Labour paints the Tories as a party of the rich, and depicts Cameron — a millionaire educated at the elite Eton school and Oxford University — as out-of-touch. Cameron did nothing to undermine that view this week when he fell into the classic political trap of not knowing the price of a loaf of inexpensive white bread. □



Britain's Prime Minister, David Cameron and his wife Samantha wave, after delivering his keynote speech on the final day of the Conservative Party Conference, in Manchester, England, Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2013. (AP Photo/Jon Super)

Indian army says troops battling rebels in Kashmir

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SRINAGAR, India (AP)

— The Indian army said Wednesday its troops have been battling for days against dozens of armed rebels who crossed the heavily militarized border from the Pakistan-controlled portion of the disputed Kashmir region into Indian-held territory. The fighting — in which the Indian army said 12 militants had died in nine days — could complicate efforts by the Indian and Pakistani leaders to defuse tensions over their countries' rival claims to the Himalayan territory. After decades of conflict between the nuclear-armed neighbors, Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and Pakistan's Nawaz Sharif agreed Sun-

day in talks in New York that attacks in the region needed to stop. But while the Pakistani premier called the meeting a chance for a "new beginning," his Indian counterpart demanded that terrorist activity emanating from Pakistan cease before long-stalled peace talks could be resumed. Lt. Gen. Gurmeet Singh, an Indian army commander in Kashmir, said soldiers first encountered up to 40 rebels on Sept. 24 in the abandoned village of Shala Bhata, near the U.N.-drawn Line of Control that divides the Kashmir region. "There is no question of our territory being taken over," he said, but denied Indian media reports that Pakistani soldiers had occupied the village or any military outposts there.

"We're in total control of the operation," the commander said. "The reports of our posts being captured by the infiltrators are absurd." However, he suggested that some Pakistani special troops might be among the infiltrators, who he said were crossing at multiple points in the rugged forested region. This gives "the indication that definitely there were some special troops" from Pakistan involved, he said. "This is quite different from the trend we have seen in the earlier infiltration attempts." Typically, Indian officials report incidents involving a handful of alleged militants crossing at any time. A Pakistani military official denied that Pakistani troops had crossed the border into Indian-con-

trolled territory. He spoke on condition of anonymity in line with military policy. There has been no independent confirmation of the commander's comments, made at a news conference Wednesday evening, or of the Indian media reports. A senior police officer, however, said either militants or special Pakistani forces had occupied some forward posts in Shala Bhata village. The officer spoke

on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the matter. Another senior police officer said there was "a lot of confusion" about what was happening on the ground, and that Indian authorities were working carefully to verify the facts because any official Pakistani involvement would constitute "an act of aggression, an act of war." He also spoke on condition of anonymity. □

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ECB's Draghi: willing to act to support economy

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PARIS (AP) — European Central Bank head Mario Draghi said the eurozone economy is still fragile and the bank is willing to use "all available instruments" to keep market interest rates from rising and hurting a fledgling recovery. He said the bank would even consider offering a third round of cheap, long-term loans to banks. The money injection would boost the flow of credit in the economy, hopefully helping growth in the 17-country currency bloc. "We view this recovery as weak, as fragile, as uneven," Draghi said at a news conference.

Yet the ECB took no action Wednesday. It left its benchmark interest rate unchanged at a record low 0.5 percent and shied away from any new stimulus measures, such as the credit offering.

Concern about a potential rise in market interest rates is a global phenomenon caused by expectations the U.S. Federal Reserve will scale back its stimulus program. The program has been keeping market rates down, not just in the U.S. but worldwide.

The ECB does not want to see higher rates in Europe, where the economy has just begun a recovery and still needs the support of low borrowing costs. The economy grew a modest 0.3 percent in the second quarter, after six quarters of recession.

"We are ready to use all available instruments, including another LTRO,"

Draghi said, using the acronym for longer-term refinancing operation. The ECB has done two such operations in 2011 and 2012, handing out just over 1 trillion euros in cheap, three-year loans to banks. That helped steady the banking system during the worse days of Europe's debt crisis.

So far, the Fed has delayed its decision to start reducing its monetary stimulus program. That has helped keep market rates from ris-

extended period" until the economy improves.

Bank lending to business is anemic even at current low interest rates, both because banks are unwilling to risk loans in a weak economy and businesses don't see the new customers that would repay them to borrow and expand. "Credit flows are weak, I would say, very weak," Draghi said.

Inflation is low at an annual 1.1 percent, giving the ECB room to add more stimu-

Analyst said that is one reason the euro rose after the meeting, trading 0.6 percent higher at \$1.36, close to a one-year high. While Draghi expressed concern, he did not signal a move was imminent. Easier credit and lower rates can send a country's currency lower, but in this case foreign exchange traders apparently don't believe that will happen soon.

"The overall tone of the press conference was not dovish enough to signal an



President of the European Central Bank (ECB) Mario Draghi, left, and Governor of the Banque de France Christian Noyer take part in a press conference of the European Central Bank at the French National Bank in Paris, Wednesday Oct. 2, 2013.

(AP Photo/Michel Spingler)

ing any further and given the ECB some breathing room.

Draghi also held the door open to another interest rate cut if it's needed. He repeated the bank's stance that the ECB's key rates will stay at their current level or lower "for an

lus. Lower rates and more credit can push inflation up, but weak growth has kept price increases down. The ECB's inflation goal is just under 2 percent.

For the moment, Draghi seems content to let his words calm markets while holding off taking action.

imminent move, which was reflected in the post-meeting euro reaction," Frederik Ducrozet at Credit Agricole said in a research note to investors. Dovish means ready to loosen monetary conditions, while hawkish means ready to tighten them by raising rates. □

WORLD BANK Migrant worker remittances over \$414B; growing

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Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Money that migrant workers send to their families and homeland is far more valuable to developing countries than foreign aid and is expected to grow 6.3 percent this year, a new World Bank study said Wednesday. Migrants are expected to send \$414 billion in remittances home this year to developing countries, the study said, and the figure will likely surpass \$500 billion by 2016.

That makes remittance funds almost four times more important to developing nations than official foreign aid from governments, which the United Nations says amounts to about \$126 billion a year. The current global total of remittances to all nations is \$549 billion. India gets \$71 billion in remittances, the biggest benefactor from such funds. China got \$60 billion, the Philippines \$26 billion, Mexico \$22 billion, Nigeria \$21 billion and Egypt \$20 billion.

Money sent home by migrants is crucial to some nations. Almost half of Tajikistan's gross domestic product comes from remittances, the study said. Kyrgyzstan gets 31 percent of its GDP from remittances; Lesotho and Nepal, 25 percent; and Moldova, 24 percent. Growth of remittances has been robust all around the world except in Latin America and the Caribbean, where the recent recession in the United States hampered the regional economy.

Remittances should be encouraged to go through official channels, the World Bank said, but many migrants use informal methods to send money home. This is partly the legacy of the World Trade Center and Pentagon terror attacks in 2001; the United States shut down many money-transfer offices as a way of cutting off potential fund sources for terrorists and worked with countries around the world to shut down fund-transfer agencies. □

Spain's jobless up again after 6 months of falls

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MADRID (AP) — The number of people registered as unemployed in Spain rose by 25,572 in September, bringing an end to a six-month streak of gradual declines, the country's Labor Ministry said Wednesday.

September usually sees unemployment rising as many

jobs created in the summer tourist season come to an end. Even so, the ministry said it was the best September figure since 2007, just before Spain's key real estate sector collapsed initiating a severe economic crisis. Speaking late Tuesday in Japan ahead of the ministry release, Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy said it's "the best jobless data for

September in many years." Though the figures may offer some encouragement, Spain will need many more months and years of improving data for it to make a real dent on unemployment, which according to the ministry stands at 4.7 million. Over the year, it said the number of people registered as unemployed has fallen by 124,368.

Spain's unofficial unemployment rate was 26.3 percent in the second quarter, the second highest in the 28-country European Union after Greece. Third quarter figures for Spain are due to be released Oct. 24. Spain has been in recession for most of the past four years but the government predicts the economy will grow this year. □



Loyal visitors James and Yvonne Staib honored at Renaissance Ocean Suites

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Caribbean and in Germany, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, Canada, Japan, Iceland and Poland -- between stints as musical director for renowned productions from Miami to Montreal. And he is a favorite on board the Royal Caribbean Cruise Line. Barry originally hailed from the Chicago area, where he became the youngest member of the Chicago Musician's Union at the age of 15. He began accruing college credits at the National Music Camp at the University of Michigan

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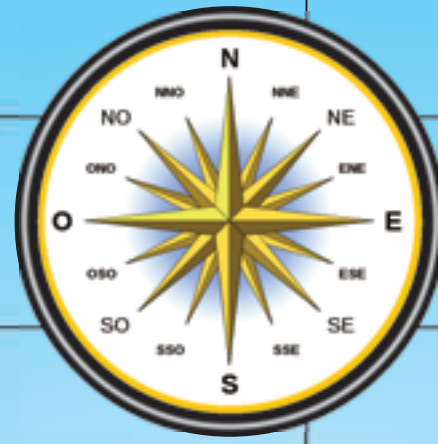
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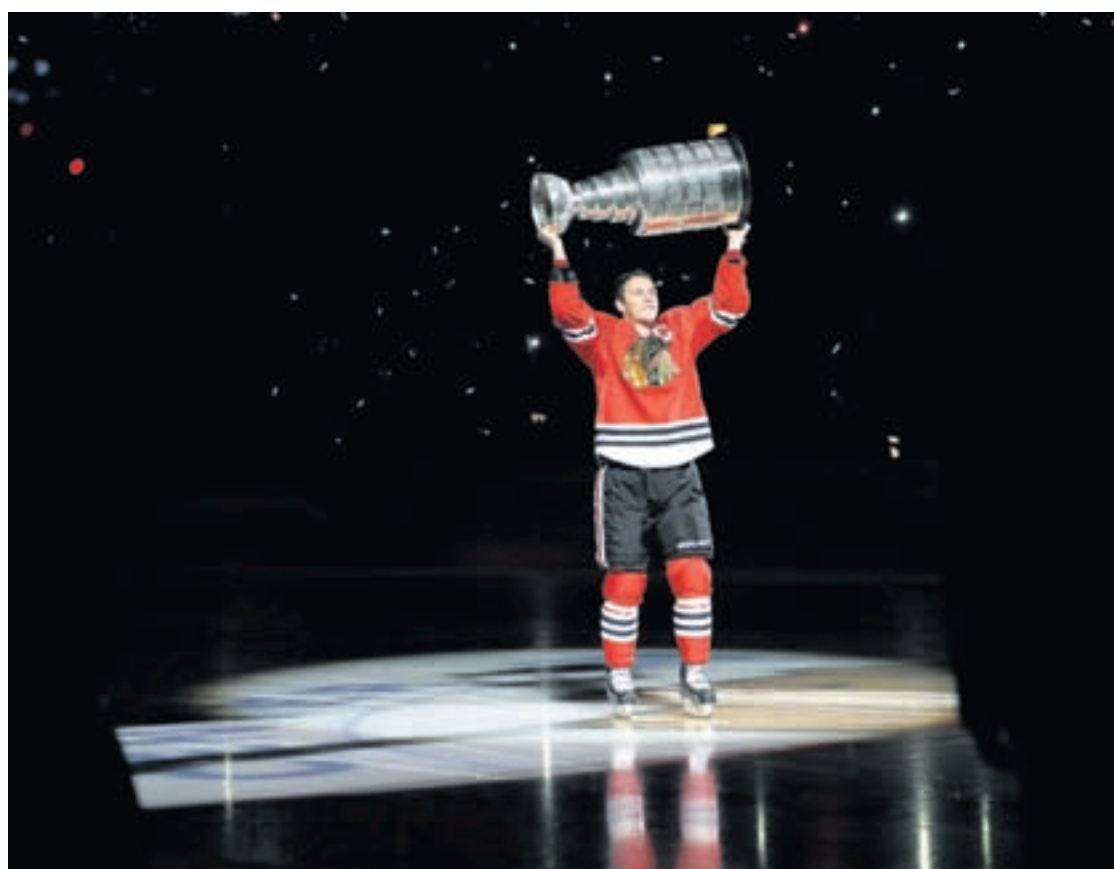
NHL Capsules

Blackhawks kick off new season with win

The Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — Brandon Saad, Johnny Oduya and Marian Hossa scored in the third period as the Chicago Blackhawks kicked off their Stanley Cup title defense with a 6-4 victory over Mikhail Grabovski and the Washington Capitals on Tuesday in the NHL regular-season opener.

Patrick Kane, Brent Seabrook and Brandon Bollig also scored as Chicago won its first game for the second straight season. Corey Crawford made 28 saves, including a couple of huge stops when the Blackhawks killed off a late 5-on-3 power play. Grabovski had three goals and an assist in his first game since he signed with Washington in August. Alex Ovechkin had a goal and an assist, but the Capitals were unable to protect a third-period lead.



Chicago Blackhawks center Jonathan Toews carries out the Stanley Cup during banner raising ceremonies before an NHL hockey game between the Blackhawks and the Washington Capitals, Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2013, in Chicago.

Associated Press

Grabovski had consecutive power-play goals in the third, lifting Washington to a 3-2 advantage with 14:44 left. But Saad finished a beautiful give-and-go with Michal Handzus, and Oduya converted a long slap shot at 13:53 to put the Blackhawks ahead to stay.

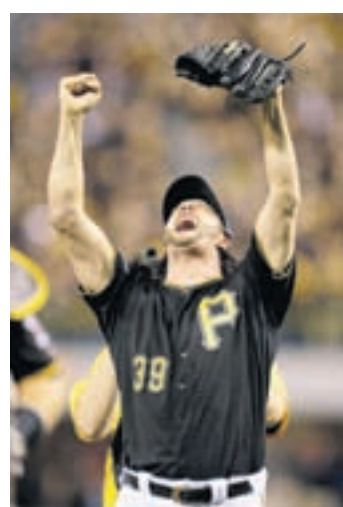
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MONTREAL (AP) — Tyler Bozak scored a short-handed goal and Mason Raymond netted the winner in his first game with the Maple Leafs as Toronto spoiled Montreal's home opener.

James van Riemsdyk and Dion Phaneuf also scored in a fight-filled game in which Montreal's new enforcer George Parros was carried off on a stretcher following a bout.

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Low-spending teams get chance in MLB playoffs



Pittsburgh Pirates relief pitcher Jason Grilli celebrates after getting the last out against the Cincinnati Reds in the NL wild-card playoff baseball game Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2013, in Pittsburgh. The Pirates won 6-2 and advance to the division series.

Associated Press

By RONALD BLUM

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) -- Baseball's playoffs no longer are an exclusive club of high rollers.

Pittsburgh, 26th among the 30 teams with a \$73.6 million payroll, rolled past Cincinnati on Tuesday night and into an NL division-series matchup against St. Louis.

Oakland, 27th on the spending list at \$71.1 million according to Major League Baseball's latest figures, won the AL West and faces Detroit. And Tampa Bay, 28th at \$65.6 million, plays the wild-card game on Wednesday night against Cleveland, 21st at \$88.6 million.

"We've created things that have really helped our sport. They've really helped us in a myriad of ways," Commissioner Bud Selig said with pride Tuesday. "The economics - they were archaic. I used to joke that we were still in back in the Ebbets Field-Polo Grounds days. What I call the reformation of the economic system certainly created a lot of this, there is no question."

Sure, some of the big spenders found their way into October. The Los Angeles Dodgers raised their spending to \$236.8 million during the season and are currently about \$100,000 behind the Yankees. (Final figures may change de-

pending on award bonuses and revisions).

Despite a No. 1 payroll, the Yankees finished tied for third in the AL East following an injury-filled season.

Boston is third at \$174.1 million, Detroit fifth at \$153.4 million, St. Louis 11th at \$119.3 million and Cincinnati 13th at \$113.3 million.

But half the playoff teams are from the bottom 50 percent in spending, with the A's, Rays, Pirates and Indians joined by Atlanta (16th at \$95.3 million).

Increased revenue sharing has helped. But a team must make good draft picks and be prudent with contracts and clever with trades.

"I think that the playing

field is not level, never will be. But we as the Pittsburgh Pirates have committed ourselves to never using that as an excuse," controlling owner Bob Nutting said just before the team's first postseason appearance since 1992. "Is it easier to build a great club with \$200 million than with \$75-\$80 million? Absolutely. But I believe, have always believed and will continue to believe, that we can be competitive at that level. We need to make different decisions. We need to make smart decisions." Parity has increased markedly.

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LeBron tops NBA's global jersey sales list

TIM REYNOLDS

AP Basketball Writer

PARADISE ISLAND, Bahamas (AP) — LeBron James has the world's best-selling NBA jersey.

The Miami Heat star and four-time league MVP tops the NBA's global list of jersey sales for this past season, according to numbers released Tuesday. James — who also has the top-selling jersey in the United States — outsold Derrick Rose of the Chicago Bulls, Kobe Bryant of the Los Angeles Lakers, Kevin Durant of the Oklahoma City Thunder and Heat teammate Dwyane Wade for the No. 1 spot.

James said having the world's top-selling jersey "means everything" to him. "To know that so many people look up to me, so many kids, that's what means more than anything, that I continue to inspire the youth and they

look at me as a role model," James said after learning the news at Heat training camp in the Bahamas. "I understand, when you wear someone's jersey, you actually like believe in them. You believe they can do supernatural things. It's like an extension of our family and I really appreciate that."

The league unveiled the rankings — based on Adidas' global sales for the past season — just two days before the start of NBA Global Games 2013, which include eight pre-season games in seven different countries, then regular-season games in Mexico City on Dec. 4 and London on Jan. 16.

Many of the top names on the global-sales list — including Rose, Bryant and Durant — are on teams taking part in this season's international matchups.

Carmelo Anthony is sixth



Miami Heat forward LeBron James gestures as he answers questions at a news conference during NBA basketball media day, Monday, Sept. 30, 2013 in Miami.

Associated Press

on the global-sales list, followed by Dwight Howard (his now-former Lakers jersey), Deron Williams, Blake

Griffin and Rajon Rondo to round out the top 10. In U.S. sales, James is followed by Rose, Bryant, Durant, An-

thony, Wade, Howard, Williams, Griffin and Rondo.

Despite missing all of last season with a knee injury, Rose had the top-selling jersey in China, Latin America and Europe. James had the top-seller in the Philippines.

To James, finishing atop these rankings further signified how things have changed since he made his decision to sign with Miami in 2010 after spending the first seven seasons of his career in Cleveland.

"I've come a long way," James said.

"I've come a long way. I've grown as a basketball player and as a person off the floor in every aspect since 2010. I'm definitely humbled by it, appreciative. You always hear me say that I'm just a kid from Akron, and to be able to have this stature and that accomplishment, I think that's pretty cool." □

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Vonn says she could be back racing in 3 weeks

NANCY ARMOUR
AP National Writer

PARK CITY, Utah (AP) — Lindsey Vonn's surgically repaired right knee feels so good she could be racing again by the end of the month, five weeks earlier than she originally expected.

Vonn "reopened" the idea of competing in the season-opening World Cup event on Oct. 26-27 in Soelden, Austria after returning to the slopes last month in Portillo, Chile.

"When I was looking at the plan and the timeline, it didn't seem like it would be at all possible to do that," said Vonn, who appeared at the U.S. Olympic Committee media summit Wednesday via videoconference.

"It's because I'm feeling so strong and ready that I'm bringing that possibility back into the mix."

"It's definitely a possibility at this point," she said. "I have to get over there and see how I feel."

The reigning Olympic downhill champion shredded her anterior cruciate and medial collateral liga-



In this Aug. 28, 2013, file photo, U.S skier Lindsey Vonn works out with Red Bull coach Martin Hager in Vail, Colo.

ments in a crash at the world championships in Schladming, Austria, last February. The original timetable didn't even have her in ski boots until November, but when the U.S. Ski Team traveled to Chile for its training camp, Vonn was there. She didn't waste any time,

either, taking two runs shortly after she landed Aug. 31. "I was definitely pretty amped to get on snow," she said. "It was a long wait for those first couple of runs, but it was definitely worth it."

Vonn said her knee held up perfectly, with no pain

or swelling while she was in Chile - or since then.

"Things are definitely further along than I anticipated," she said. "But I'm not going to race until I'm absolutely 100 percent."

And that last hurdle is purely mental.

Vonn doesn't expect to

race slalom because of the additional stress it puts on her knee, and is focusing instead on the downhill and speed events, her specialties. But she isn't back to race speed yet - no small thing for someone who easily can hit 80 mph as she hurtles down the mountain. Vonn is in Ohio, where boyfriend Tiger Woods is playing in the Presidents Cup. She plans to head to Europe in the middle of the month for more training, and said she'll probably make a decision about Soelden "a few days" before the World Cup begins. If she doesn't race in Soelden, she'll "for sure" be at the World Cup in Beaver Creek,

Colorado, which is near her hometown of Vail.

The Sochi Games may have looked like a long shot when Vonn was injured. But she has no doubt that not only will she be at the Olympics come February, she'll once again be the one to beat.

"I know I can win a medal," she said. "I look forward to defending my title in Sochi." □

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NHL Capsules

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Toronto's Colton Orr pulled Parros down during the fight and the Canadiens forward's face crashed into the ice.

Lars Eller's second goal of the game with 2:22 left brought the Canadiens within 4-3 but they couldn't get even. Eller also set up a goal by Brendan Gallagher.

The mood turned somber 2:34 into the third period when Parros was prone on the ice. Orr had fallen and pulled down Parros, who was bleeding and looked woozy. A team of trainers from both teams spent several minutes treating him.

The Canadiens said Parros sustained a concussion, but was alert and conscious and undergoing more tests.

JETS 5, OILERS 4
EDMONTON, Alberta (AP) — Michael Frolik scored a pair of goals, and the Winnipeg Jets rallied to spoil Edmonton's home opener with a 5-4 victory over the Oilers.

With 5:02 left, Eric Tangradi sent a beautiful backhand pass in front to Frolik, who broke a 4-4 tie by directing his second goal of the night into the net before goalie Devan Dubnyk could get back across the crease.

Jacob Trouba also scored and added an assist in his first NHL game for the Jets, who made their first appearance as a Winnipeg team in Edmonton since 1996.

Mark Scheifele and Bryan Little also scored for the Jets, and Ondrej Pavelec made 34 saves for the win. Luke Gazdic, Boyd Gordon, Ales Hemsky and Jesse Joensuu scored for the Oilers, who squandered a



Washington Capitals right wing Troy Brouwer (20) checks Chicago Blackhawks defenseman Brent Seabrook into the boards during the first period of an NHL hockey game Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2013, in Chicago.

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4-2 lead. Dubnyk stopped 23 shots.

Gazdic's goal was changed to Mike Brown

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Pirates beat Reds 6-2 in NL wild-card game

WILL GRAVES

AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Pittsburgh Pirates went 21 years between playoff games. The wait will be significantly shorter this time around.

Russell Martin homered twice and Francisco Liriano was dominant for seven innings as the Pirates defeated the Cincinnati Reds 6-2 in the National League wild-card game on Tuesday. In front of a black-clad crowd savoring its first postseason game since 1992, Marlon Byrd also homered and Andrew McCutchen had two hits and reached base four times for Pittsburgh.

"We're for real," McCutchen said. "We're definitely for real."

Liriano scattered four hits for the Pirates, who will face the St. Louis Cardinals in Game 1 of the NL division series Thursday. Liriano struck out five batters and walked one to win the first playoff game of his career. "This is 20 years of waiting. You're seeing it all come out in one night," Martin said. "Hopefully we can

keep this atmosphere till late October."

Cincinnati starter Johnny Cueto gave up four runs in 3 1-3 innings and appeared rattled by a raucous ballpark that taunted him throughout by chanting his name.

The 36-year-old Byrd, acquired by the Pirates in late August from the New York Mets, celebrated the first postseason of his 12-year career — 1,250 games — by sending Cueto's fastball into the seats to give the Pirates the lead in the second inning.

Martin then sent a drive into the bleachers in left field to make it 2-0. The Reds never recovered, ending a 90-win season with a six-game losing streak.

Liriano was signed on the cheap in the offseason after a mediocre 2012 season with the Minnesota Twins and the Chicago White Sox.

He has been reborn in Pittsburgh, going 16-8 with a 3.02 ERA during the regular season, his devastating slider nearly unhittable against left-handers.



Pittsburgh Pirates catcher Russell Martin, left, and Pittsburgh Pirates relief pitcher Jason Grilli (39) celebrate after getting the last out in the ninth inning of the NL wild-card playoff baseball game against the Cincinnati Reds on Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2013, in Pittsburgh.

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The Reds proved no match. Joey Votto went 0 for 4 with two strikeouts, and Jay Bruce managed just one RBI single in the fourth. It was Pittsburgh's first

postseason game since Atlanta's Sid Bream slid into home ahead of Barry Bonds' throw in the bottom of the ninth in Game 7 of the 1992 National League

championship series. The victory sent the Braves to the World Series and the Pirates into an abyss it took an entire generation to escape. □

MLB Playoffs

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No team has won consecutive World Series since the New York Yankees took three in a row from 1998-2000.

Half of the 30 teams have made the expanded playoffs in the past two years. Twenty-one have reached postseason play in the last five, and every club except Kansas City and Toronto has appeared in the playoffs over the past 13 seasons.

Many accustomed to the

October spotlight already are home.

Missing out along with the Yankees were Philadelphia (fourth at \$166.2 million), the Los Angeles Angels (sixth at \$143.4 million), defending champion San Francisco (seventh at \$141.3 million), Texas (eighth at \$134.5 million) and Toronto (ninth at \$125.9 million).

Oakland, Pittsburgh and Tampa Bay have found success with youth. Only Houston (\$29.3 million) and Miami \$42.3 million had lower payrolls than the Rays, and they jettisoned

veterans in favor of young players.

While they endured terrible seasons - the Astros were 51-111 and the Marlins 62-100 - they hope a young core will transform into a contender in a few years. "If you place that type of faith in them, a lot of times they'll come through for you," said Athletics manager Bob Melvin, who works under Billy Beane, the general manager who made "Moneyball" famous. Cleveland manager Terry Francona has seen the dollar divide from both sides. □



Oakland Athletics' Evan Scribner, center, is congratulated by Chris Young, left, and Derek Norris, right, after defeating the Minnesota Twins 11-7 in a baseball game to become American League West champions, Sunday, Sept. 22, 2013, in Oakland, Calif.

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Wladimir Klitschko says he will beat Povetkin



Boxer Wladimir Klitschko of Ukraine attends an open training session in Moscow, Russia, Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2013. Alexander Povetkin of Russia will fight Wladimir Klitschko of Ukraine on Saturday, Oct. 5, for Klitschko's IBF-WBA Super World-WBO-IBO heavyweight titles.

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MOSCOW (AP) — Heavyweight champion Wladimir Klitschko is confident that will put an end to Alexander Povetkin's undefeated record when he defends his WBA and IBF belts against the Russian at the Olympic Stadium on Saturday. After open training sessions in front of numerous media on Wednesday, Klitschko (60-3, 51 KO) said he came to Moscow to win any way he could. "That's what I will do on Oct. 5," Klitschko said. "Believe me, I will do every-

thing for my victory." However, Klitschko made it clear he would not underestimate Povetkin. He hasn't lost or drawn a fight and was never knocked down," Klitschko said. "So, I think the night will be a complicated one — for those who will watch, as well as for Alexander and me. Each sportsman has his chance and each of us will try to capitalize on it. How, we will see it." Povetkin (26-0, 18KO) avoided sending the usual pre-bout banter, and said he was just prepar-

ing for the fight. "There's no need for extra words," the Russian said. "I could have said that I would bury him or something like this. But you will see it on Saturday." The WBA heavyweight belt became vacant when Klitschko was elevated to "super champion" status in 2011 after beating David Haye. Povetkin became the mandatory challenger for Klitschko when he beat American Hasim Rahman last September. A sell-out crowd of 14,000 is expected to attend. □

Del Potro reaches quarterfinals at Japan Open

JIM ARMSTRONG
AP Sports Writer

TOKYO (AP) — Top-seeded Juan Martin del Potro moved into Japan Open quarterfinals with a comfortable 6-2, 6-2 win over fellow Argentine Carlos Berlocq on Wednesday. Del Potro broke Berlocq's serve twice in the second set, and lost only eight points on serve under the roof, closed by rain. After Tuesday's three-set victory over Marcos Baghdatis, del Potro said it was good to find his rhythm. "I played a lot better than yesterday," del Potro said. "I served well, my forehand was strong and I was able to break his serve and be aggressive. I had control of the match all the time which was important to me." Del Potro, who is seeking his third title of the season following victories in Rotterdam and Washington, will next play Alexandr Dolgoplov of Ukraine, who defeated eighth-seeded Janko Tipsarevic of Serbia 6-3, 7-6 (2). In the day's only upset, Ivan Dodig of Croatia ousted

second-seeded Jo-Wilfried Tsonga 6-4, 7-6 (5). Matching 2009 champion Tsonga with nine aces, Dodig saved all three break points he faced. Dodig will attempt to earn a place in his third semifinal of 2013 against Jarkko Nieminen of Finland, who beat Michal Przysiezny of Poland 6-7 (4), 6-4, 6-2. In other matches, third-seeded Milos Raonic of Canada advanced to the second round with a 6-4, 7-6 (0) win over wild card Go Soeda of Japan in the opening match on Center Court. Raonic, coming off a win at the Thailand Open on Sunday, dominated Soeda with his serve, hitting 24 aces. "I served really well," Raonic said. "It was a bit earlier in the day than what I'm used to but I played well on the important points and did what I needed to do." Raonic lost in the final last year to local favorite Kei Nishikori, who will face Feliciano Lopez of Spain in the second round on Thursday. □

Li, Kvitova set up China Open quarter, Nadal wins

BEIJING (AP) — Li Na kept alive local hopes of a first homegrown champion in the China Open when she reached the quarterfinals with a tough 7-5, 6-4 win over Sabine Lisicki of Germany on Wednesday. Also, 2005 champion Rafael Nadal edged Philipp Kohlschreiber of Germany 6-4, 7-6 (3) to move into the third round. Li broke Lisicki twice in each set, overcoming seven double faults and holding off six of eight break chances. To equal her previous best efforts in Beijing, the semifinals in 2010 and 2012, Li will face Petra Kvitova, against whom she has a 3-2 record. Kvitova beat Sara Errani of

Italy 6-4, 6-7 (3), 6-3 in a 2 1/2-hour third-round match which featured 19 breaks of serve. Former champions Agnieszka Radwanska (2011) and Jelena Jankovic (2008) won their second-round matches, but two-time former winner Svetlana Kuznetsova lost to Andrea Petkovic of Germany 4-6, 6-4, 6-1. Polish qualifier Polana Hercog ousted Ana Ivanovic 6-4, 6-4 and will play Radwanska for a spot in the last eight. Nadal and Kohlschreiber traded five breaks of serve in their first set but couldn't break the other in the second and were separated only in the tiebreaker. □



Rafael Nadal of Spain celebrates after winning over Santiago Giraldo of Colombia during their match in the China Open tennis tournament at the National Tennis Stadium in Beijing, China Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2013.

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Strap on your computer, wearable tech taking off

MARTHA MENDOZA

AP National Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)

— The digital domain is creeping off our desktops and onto our bodies, from music players that match your tunes to your heart beat, to mood sweaters that change color depending on your emotional state — blue for calm, red for angry. There are vacuum shoes that clean the floor while you walk and fitness bracelets, anklets and necklaces to track your calorie burning.

"Everyone agrees the race is just beginning, and I think we're going to see some very, very big leaps in just the next year," said tech entrepreneur Manish Chandra at a wearable technology conference and fashion show in San Francisco Monday that was buzzing with hundreds of developers, engineers and designers.

Wearable technologies have long been a side-show to mainstream laptop and smartphones, but this year Google's glasses and rumors of Apple's iWatch are popularizing the field. Analysts forecast swift growth. Last year the market for wearable technology — encompassing everything from hearing aids to wristband pedometers — totaled almost \$9 billion. That should climb to \$30 billion by 2018, said analyst Shane Walker at IHS Global Insights.

Humans have been wearing technology for centuries, from strapped-on compasses to pocket watches. The current surging industry is centered in the Silicon Valley and San Francisco Bay area, where mostly smaller startups design their products locally and have them manufactured in Asia to take advantage of cheap labor. Monday's conference was one of several focusing exclusively on wearable technology in recent years. As wearable technologies proliferate, humans will need to adapt, said Georgia Tech professor Thad Starner. He advises Google on its glasses, which



are lightweight frames equipped with a hidden camera and tiny display that responds to voice commands. Starner has worn his for several years.

"We're talking about paradigm changing devices," said Starner. "Capabilities that people haven't thought of before."

He said that, unlike computers and tablets that people engage with, wearable computers are designed to be in the background, secondary to the wearer's attention.

"It seems like a paradox, but when you pull the technology closer to your body, there's a seamless interaction, it's more an extension of yourself," he said.

But there are sure to be cultural and social issues. Google Glass — and some emerging competitors — have raised concerns of people who don't want to be surreptitiously videoed or photographed. And what about interacting?

At Monday's conference, attendees slipped on monitors that measured their heart rates and temperatures to reflect whether they really were enjoying a movie, and shot photos through their Google Glasses of Vibease, the world's first wearable vi-

In this Monday, Sept. 30, 2013, photo, Jenn de la Vega wears a device on her hand as she gives a demonstration on a Technicolor mobile app that measures analytics for emotional response to content that will give feedback to the content creators at the GLAZED Conference, a conference for the business of wearable technology, in San Francisco.

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In this Monday, Sept. 30, 2013, photo, a mannequin wearing headphones and accessories for Vibease, left, the world's first wearable sexual vibrator controlled by smartphones; and Claire Collins, right, is given a demonstration of Optinvent ORA-S augmented reality glasses at the GLAZED Conference, a conference for the business of wearable technology, in San Francisco.

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brator controlled by smartphones, promising long distance intimacy.

"Do you really want a touch screen on the front of your t-shirt? Is it socially acceptable to be poked all over your body for somebody to use your wearable computer?" asked Genevieve Dion, who directs a fashion and technology lab at Drexel University.

The answer, for some, is no. In a newly released survey from Cornerstone OnDemand, 42 percent of work-

ers said they would not be willing to strap on wearable tech for their jobs, with older and more traditional employees more reluctant than their counterparts. The survey polled 1,029 Americans aged 18 and over in August, and had a 3.1 percentage point margin of error. And then there's an issue of bandwidth, said Ritch Blasi, a consultant with SVP-Comunicano who researches the wearable technology market. At this point, there simply isn't

enough network service to support universal and constant wireless use, he said. But that too will catch up.

"It almost makes you think everyone is going to turn into a cyborg," he said, referring to a fictional, prosthetic-laden high tech comic book superhero. And will they?

"When you look at the world and everything people are doing?" said Blasi, pausing for a moment. "I think the answer to that is yes." □

Stocks fall as protracted government shutdown fears grow

Continued from front

The Dow Jones industrial average fell as much as 147 points in the first hour of trading. It ended the day down 58.56 points, or 0.4 percent, at 15,133.14

ers appearing unwilling to yield in their entrenched positions. After Obama summoned Congressional leaders to the White House later in the morning, the market started to recoup some of its losses, but the

recovery faded throughout the afternoon.

"The markets are sending a loud message to Washington lawmakers to get their act together and resolve the budget crisis," said Peter Cardillo, chief mar-

ket economist at Rockwell Global Capital.

Earlier, European Central Bank head Mario Draghi said that the partial U.S. government shutdown was a risk to economic recoveries in the U.S. and globally. Chief executives from the nation's biggest financial firms met with Obama for more than an hour Wednesday. Referring to the potential showdown over raising the government's borrowing limit, Lloyd Blankfein, CEO of Goldman Sachs, said: "We shouldn't use threats of causing the U.S. to fail ... as a cudgel." Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew told Congress that unless lawmakers act in time, he will run out of money to pay the nation's bills by Oct. 17. Congress must periodically raise the limit on government borrowing to keep U.S. funds flowing, a once-routine matter that has become locked in battles over the federal budget deficit. The last time there was an impasse over the borrow-

ing limit, in August 2011, it led to a downgrade of the United States' credit rating by Standard & Poor's and a plunge in the stock market. The government shutdown is ill-timed because the U.S. economic recovery is still on shaky foundations. U.S. businesses added 166,000 jobs last month, payroll company ADP said Wednesday, a level consistent with only a modest improvement in hiring. Economists polled by FactSet had forecast 180,000 jobs would be added. "It's clear that the economy hasn't picked up steam like people were anticipating," said Kate Warne, and investment strategist at Edward Jones, an investment adviser. "Especially with the government shutdown, there's not a lot that is going to help it do so over the next couple of months." About 800,000 federal workers were staying home again Wednesday on the second day of the shutdown, the first since the winter of 1995-96. □



A specialist looks at a screen at his post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2013. The stock market closed lower as investors weigh the possibility that political gridlock may keep the government partially closed for some time.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

points.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 1.13 points, or 0.1 percent, to 1,693.87. The Nasdaq composite declined 2.96 points, or 0.1 percent, to 3,815.02.

Six of 10 industry sectors in the S&P 500 fell. Declines were led by the makers of consumer staples and industrial companies. Defense companies, which rely on government contracts for a large part of their revenue, led declines for industrial companies. Raytheon fell \$1.73, or 2.2 percent, to \$76.08. Lockheed Martin dropped \$2.42, or 1.9 percent, to \$125.

In Washington, Republicans in the House of Representatives are insisting that Democrats negotiate over a new health care law as part of the budget talks. Senate Democrats, led by Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada, insist that Republicans pass a straight-forward temporary funding bill with no strings attached. On Wednesday, the major indexes opened sharply lower, with U.S. lawmak-

Empire State Realty skyrockets following IPO

NEW YORK (AP) — Shares of Empire State Realty Trust gained in Wednesday trading after the company's initial public offering raised about \$754 million. The real estate investment trust owns the Empire State Building and 11 other office properties in New York and Connecticut. It sold 71.5 million shares for \$13 per share, which was at the low end of its prior estimate.

Empire State Realty Trust Inc. said it raised \$754.4 million after expenses, commissions, and discounts.

The stock gained 39 cents, or 3 percent, to \$13.39 by late morning in heavy trading. It listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol "ESRT."

The real estate investment trust will use the proceeds of the IPO to fund transactions and fees and pay holders of interests in existing entities, including the Helmsley estate. It had expected the IPO to price

between \$13 and \$15 per share.

The underwriters of the IPO will have an option buy another 10.7 million shares to cover any over-allotments. Real estate investor Peter

Malkin bought the Empire State Building from Donald Trump and a business partner for \$57.5 million in 2002. Malkin Holdings, which is run by Peter Malkin and his son Anthony, spearhead-

ed a plan to take Empire State Realty public.

A small group of stakeholders opposed the plan and said they were misled about the proposal, adding that the move would



Chairman, CEO and President Anthony Malkin, foreground left, of Empire State Realty Trust, and Chairman Emeritus Peter Malkin, background left, applaud as their company's stock begins trading during its IPO on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2013. Empire State Realty Trust Inc., the real estate investment trust behind the Empire State Building, also manages other office buildings in the New York City area.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

STREET BRIEFS Cerberus firm says interested in BlackBerry

TORONTO (AP) — Private equity firm Cerberus is interested in taking a look at BlackBerry's books as a prelude to a possible bid for the troubled smartphone company. Cerberus is looking to sign a confidentiality agreement with BlackBerry that would allow it to access the company's private information, an official familiar with the situation said Wednesday on condition of anonymity. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the person was not authorized to discuss the private talks. BlackBerry announced last month that Fairfax Financial Holdings Ltd. signed a letter of intent that "contemplates" buying BlackBerry for \$9 a share, or \$4.7 billion. Fairfax, BlackBerry's largest shareholder, is trying to attract other investors. BlackBerry is allowed to look for other buyers while Fairfax conducts six weeks of due diligence. □

Tesla tumbles after Model S catches on fire

SEATTLE (AP) — Shares of electric car company Tesla sank more than 6 percent Wednesday after an Internet video showed flames spewing from one of the company's vehicles following a crash near Seattle. Shares of Tesla Motors Inc. fell \$12.05 to \$180.95. It was the stock's biggest one-day decline since July 16. The automobile site Jalopnik.com posted the video that it says was taken by a reader. The video shows the front of the Tesla Model S in flames. Tesla says the car hit a large metal object in the road Tuesday, causing significant damage. The Palo Alto, California, company says the driver escaped unharmed and the blaze was put out by firefighters. The fire was limited to the front of the \$70,000 car, Tesla said. □

Air France-KLM could aid a struggling Alitalia

NICOLA CLARK
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PARIS - The chief executive of Air France-KLM, the largest foreign shareholder in Alitalia, said Wednesday that he had not ruled out the possibility of participating in a fresh bailout of the struggling Italian flagship carrier as it scrambles to produce a plan to shore up its dwindling cash reserves. But given the weak financial position of the French-Dutch group, which owns 25 percent of Alitalia, any assistance would be subject to strict conditions, he said.

"We have to be extremely vigilant," the executive, Alexandre de Juniac, told the French business daily Les Echos in an interview. "If the right conditions are met, I am prepared to go ahead."

de Juniac did not elaborate on those conditions, but his remarks came as Alitalia's top management met for a second day with its bankers, shareholders and senior Italian government ministers to discuss a plan to inject fresh capital into the debt-laden airline, which continues to post losses five years after Air France-KLM and a consortium of Italian companies rescued it from bankruptcy. Those discussions have taken on a sense of urgency in recent days.

Alitalia last week reported that its net loss had widened to 294 million euros, or \$398 million, in the six months that ended June 30, compared with 201 million euros in the same period a year earlier. Revenue slipped by 4 percent to 1.62 billion euros. Its net debt stood at 946 million euros, up from 862 million euros a year ago, while its available cash flow was down to a precarious 128 million euros from 159 million euros at the end of March.

Alitalia's management is seeking an injection of at least 100 million euros from existing shareholders in exchange for new shares, as well as a syndicated shareholder loan of 55 million euros that would be convertible into shares. Alitalia is also negotiating with a consortium of banks, including Intesa Sanpaolo and UniCredit, for a fresh 300 million euro line of credit to help fund current operations, said two people with knowledge of the discussions.

But Air France-KLM, which holds four seats on Alitalia's 19-member board, has not acquiesced to that plan, which is subject to a board vote on Oct. 14. Air France-KLM is seeking more aggressive efforts by the Italian carrier to reduce its debt, said the people, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the talks

at restoring it to profitability by 2016 that involves transferring a larger share of its domestic and European services to its low-cost subsidiary,

Air One, to better compete with foreign rivals like Ryanair and EasyJet. Alitalia also envisions an expansion of its long-distance services out of Rome, Milan and Venice, a plan that would mean adding more expen-



A KLM aircraft takes off from Edinburgh Airport. The chief executive of Air France-KLM, the largest foreign shareholder in Alitalia, said Wednesday that he had not ruled out the possibility of participating in a fresh bailout of the struggling Italian flagship carrier as it scrambles to produce a plan to shore up its dwindling cash reserves.

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were still under way.

An Air France-KLM spokesman declined to comment on whether the group would accept a dilution of its Alitalia stake if it chooses not to participate in the capital increase. Alitalia representatives also would not comment.

Alitalia in July outlined a restructuring program aimed

sive, wide-body jets to its fleet.

Air France-KLM is opposed to this strategy, said one person close to the discussions, for fear that any expansion of long-distance services at this stage would only prolong Alitalia's losses and distract it from the more pressing issue of its debt burden. □

Oil rises on news of pipeline expansion

The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The price of oil rose the most in two weeks Wednesday, on the prospect of more oil shipping between a key U.S. Midwest hub and the Gulf Coast. Benchmark oil for November delivery rose \$2.06, or 2 percent, to close at \$104.10 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Reports said that TransCanada is close to completing work on the southern portion of its Keystone pipeline expansion. That could mean as much as 700,000 barrels a day moving out of Cushing, Oklahoma, the pricing point for U.S. benchmark oil. The additional demand is seen as positive for oil prices.

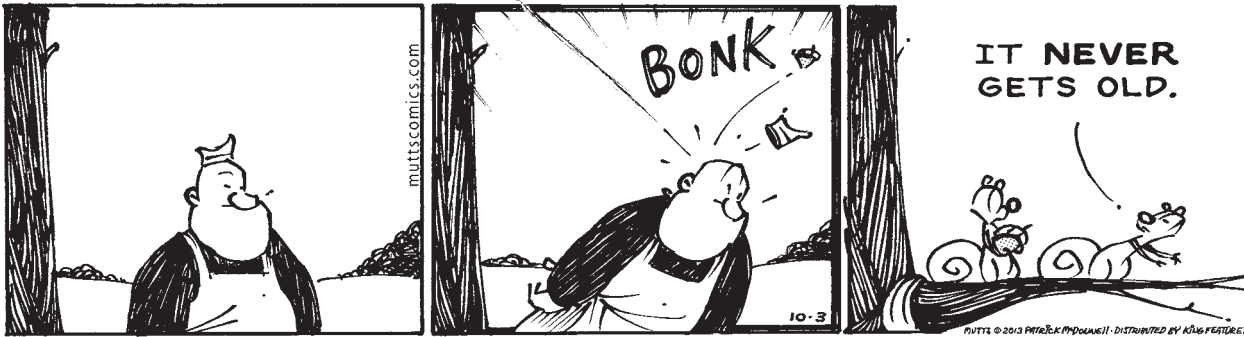
The market shrugged off a report from the Energy Department showing bigger than expected increases in U.S. oil and gasoline supplies. It also ignored, at least for a day, the partial shutdown of the federal government.

Demand for oil in the U.S. could weaken if the shutdown curbs economic growth and continues to stop 800,000 federal workers from commuting. The workers were furloughed after U.S. lawmakers failed to agree on a budget measure to fund government operations after the

fiscal year ended Monday. Brent crude, a benchmark used to price imported crude used by many U.S. refineries, gained \$1.25 to \$109.19 in London.

In other energy futures trading on Nymex: — Wholesale gasoline rose 2 cents to \$2.63 per gallon. — Natural gas dropped 7 cents to \$3.54 per 1,000 cubic feet. — Heating oil rose 4 cents to \$2.99 per gallon. □

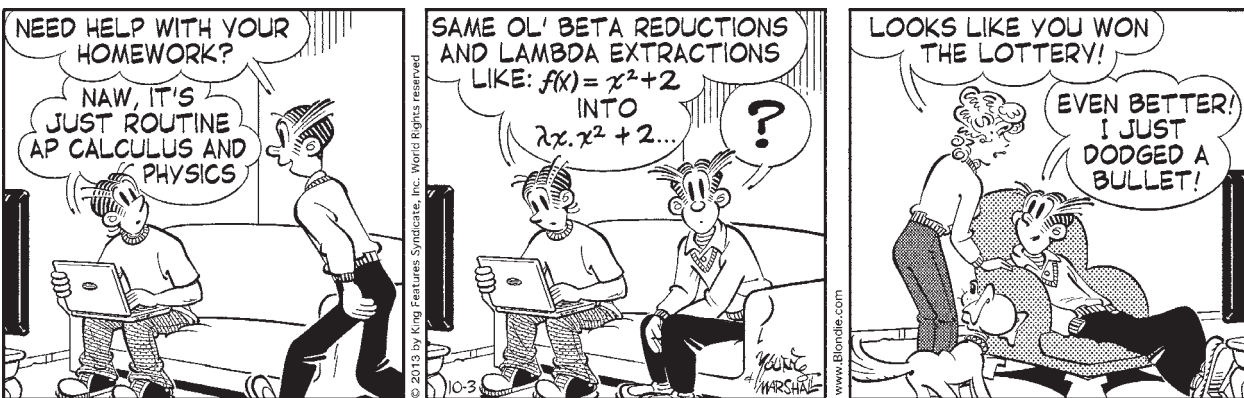
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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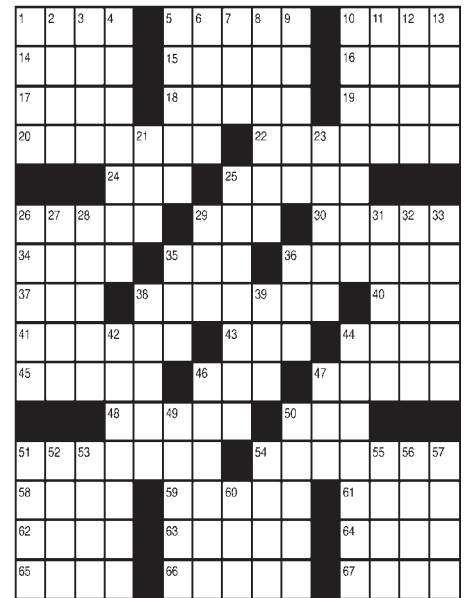
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In Paris, air-kissing wanes for the moment

ERIC WILSON

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PARIS - Elisabeth von Thurn und Taxis, the globe-trotting princess who is a columnist for Vogue, arrived at her own dinner party at the Hôtel Prince de Galles on Tuesday night on the back of a motorcycle. To beat the traffic, Parisians gad about on motorbikes

ing mess and a 25-minute wait, was unable to enter its titillating special exhibition on the history of the male nude. She and a friend stood outside the entrance, peering in hopelessly before they finally gave up. As the clock struck 11 p.m. the guests began to disperse, on their way to

"I don't want to watch any more about me," she said. "But I like to hear what other people say about me."

The designers piled in with people you've never seen before.

Anthony Vaccarello walked by, then Victoire de Castellane and Lawrence Steele, Brian At-



Kim Kardashian and the designer Riccardo Tisci arrive at Carine Roitfeld's party marking the end of Paris Fashion Week in Paris, Oct. 1, 2013.

(Lauren Fleishman/The New York Times)

these days, ever since Uber introduced the bike option here last year. "You can get anywhere in 10 minutes," von Thurn und Taxis said as she adjusted a thin silver band that rested on her forehead. "The only problem is your hair." Before Carine Roitfeld's seasonal Paris Fashion Week send-off party, von Thurn und Taxis had gathered a small crew that included the designers Giambattista Valli, Esteban Cortázar, Max Osterweis and Nicholas Kirkwood. And Lena Dunham, who, believe it or not, had never been to Paris. "It has been a major oversight in my life," she said. Dunham wore a simple frock with a loose white top, recounting how she had visited the Musée d'Orsay earlier that day but, because of a ticket-

Roitfeld's party at the fancy-pants restaurant Pavillon Ledoyen, right behind the Petit Palais museum, that followed a screening of "Mademoiselle C," the documentary about her new magazine. Roitfeld's parties, as they have grown larger, and larger, have lost some of the je ne sais quoi of their earlier days, the "quoi" being space to breathe. These French people do not know how to work a room. They air-kiss in doorways and refuse to budge so that no one else can get a glimpse of Kim Kardashian as she entered with the Givenchy designer, Riccardo Tisci. Roitfeld, with glittering eye shadow and a stark black dress, remained near the entrance, soliciting feedback on the film, which she had skipped.

wood, Peter Dundas, Bruno Frisoni and Katy Perry, who had attended the Chanel show that day, though it was hard to hear about over the Michael Jackson and George Michael wedding party tunes. As usual, the party became fun only after midnight. Suddenly Joan Smalls, the model, kicked off her shoes and set to dancing with Lily Donaldson in the manner of a maypole, while Miguel, the phenomenally popular American singer whom no one seems to recognize in France, watched with a wide grin. And had you left the party around 1:15 a.m., you would have found yet another model, Lindsey Wixson, outside, sitting on the back of a motorcycle. □

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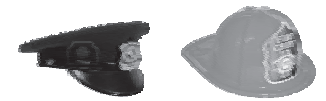


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Gene scans solve mystery diseases in kids, adults

MARILYNN MARCHIONE
AP Chief Medical Writer

They were mystery diseases that had stumped doctors for years — adults with strange symptoms and children with neurological problems, mental slowness or muscles too weak to let them stand. Now scientists say they were able to crack a quarter of these cases by decoding the patients' genes.

Their study is the first large-scale effort to move gene sequencing out of the lab and into ordinary medical care, and it shows that high hopes for this technology are finally paying off.

"This is a direct benefit of the Human Genome Project," the big effort to decode our DNA, said Dr. Christine M. Eng of Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "We're now able to directly benefit patients through more accurate diagnosis."

She led the study, which was published online Wednesday by the New England Journal of Medicine. It gives results on the first 250 patients referred to Baylor for a newer type of sequencing — just the DNA



This Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2013 photo provided by Ashley Wonderly shows Cannon Collier, 4, in Georgetown, Texas. His parents, Lindsey and Brandon Collier searched for years for an answer to what was plaguing their son.

segments that hold the recipes for all the proteins the body needs. That's only about 1 percent of the whole genome. Baylor has sequenced more patients beyond those in the study — 1,700 so far — and found gene flaws in 1 out of 4, Eng said.

That rate will improve as more genes are linked to diseases, but it's already much higher than the less comprehensive gene tests done now, said Rebecca Nagy, a scientist at Ohio State University and president of the National Society of Genetic Counselors.

"For some of these conditions there could be treatments that are lifesaving," she said.

Already, three people tested at Baylor were found to have a muscle disorder that can cause respiratory problems and even death. The condition is aggravated by infections and stress, and there are drugs to treat those and prevent serious episodes, Eng said. In other cases, having a diagnosis helped parents like Lindsey and Brandon Collier decide whether to have more children. The Colliers, who live in Georgetown, Texas, about 30 miles (50 kilometers) north of Austin, searched for years for an answer to what was plaguing their son, Cannon, now 4.

"He was a pretty floppy baby" with poor muscle tone and problems eating, Lindsey Collier said. "We weren't getting any answers and they were just all over the map on everything they were testing for."

"It is a huge weight lifted off our shoulders" she said of testing at Baylor that found a rare muscle disorder.

Genetic counselors said the problem was not likely to occur in other offspring,

so the Colliers had a second child. Their 6-week-old daughter, Smith, is fine, and Cannon is being helped now by intensive physical therapy and other treatments.

Just having a diagnosis is very valuable because it ends the expensive and emotionally exhausting testing that parents go through, said Dr. Robert C. Green, a geneticist at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School.

"Many of these are children or adults that have had a mystery illness for many years. Their families don't know what it is and they're sort of desperate for an answer," and it's not possible to find a treatment until you find the cause, he said.

In the study of the first 250 patients at Baylor, 62 were found to have gene flaws. In 33 cases, only one faulty copy of a gene was responsible. In 16 other cases, both copies of a gene were bad. Four patients had problems in two different genes.

Nine patients had faulty genes on the X chromosome. Since boys have only one copy of that sex chromosome, those disorders mostly affect that gender.

Baylor gets revenue from gene testing, and two study leaders are consultants or paid speakers for gene testing companies not involved in the study. The government's National Human Genome Research Institute helped pay for the study, and insurers covered much of the testing. It cost \$7,000 per case, which usually included sequencing the parents' genes.

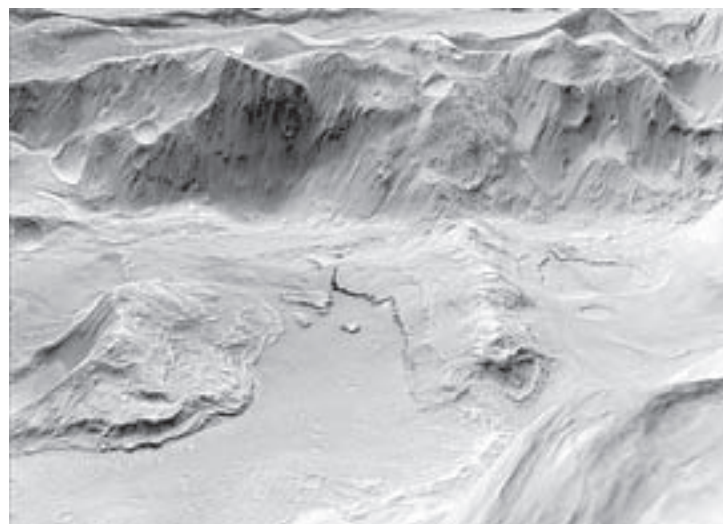
The price will drop and the usefulness will rise over time, Dr. Howard Jacob of the Medical College of Wisconsin wrote in an editorial in the journal. Several years ago, he sequenced the genes of a 5-year-old Wisconsin boy who suffered from a rare genetic disease. That unprecedented feat led to a cord blood transplant and other treatments for the boy. □

Scientists discover ancient supervolcanoes on Mars

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Scientists have discovered ancient supervolcanoes on Mars similar to the caldera that sits under Yellowstone National Park.

Volcanoes previously have been spotted on Mars, which is known to have been volcanically active billions of years ago.

What's different about this supervolcano network is that it was found in the Martian northern highlands, a place not known to be active in the past. Studying images from several spacecraft orbiting Mars, researchers at London's Natural History Museum and NASA found at least one massive volcano and evidence for several others that spewed huge



This undated image provided by NASA shows a high-resolution view of a possible ancient supervolcano on Mars.

Associated Press

clouds of lava and ash. The finding described in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature suggests that early Mars was more ac-

tive than previously realized, and that such eruptions could have affected the red planet's climate and atmosphere. □

George Clooney hopes government shutdown ends soon



Actor George Clooney attends the premiere of "Gravity" at the AMC Lincoln Square Theaters on Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2013, in New York.

Associated Press

JOHN CARUCCI
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — George Clooney knows the country is going through a tough time with the government shutdown. But the actor is optimistic that "cooler heads will prevail" and let things get back to normal. He applauded U.S. Rep. Peter King, a New York Republican, as one of the "guys on the right," trying to get the government back up and running.

"I know for a fact that there's a lot of guys on the right, Peter King, for instance, and some people like that, who are also doing the best they can to stop this from happening or to put an end to it," Clooney said.

He added: "You just hope that it happens soon."

King has spoken out against Tea Party Republican Sen. Ted Cruz

Clooney made the comments at the New York premiere of his new film, "Gravity." □

Tom Clancy's Jack Ryan a Hollywood hit

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jack Ryan is the sort of American hero that's been a screen staple since the silent era. Harrison Ford, Alec Baldwin and Ben Affleck have all played the fictional CIA analyst, and Chris Pine joins the list when "Jack Ryan: Shadow One" opens on Christmas Day. The character was Tom Clancy's version of an American James Bond, said Gregg Kilday, film editor for The Hollywood Reporter. Clancy, who died Tuesday at age 66, "wrote these very solid, meat-and-potatoes thrillers," Kilday said. "They offered up a lot of material that directors and actors could work with in fashioning straightforward, semi-patriotic espionage and action-adventure movies." Each adaptation was a hit: "The Hunt for Red October," "Patriot Games," "Clear and Present Danger" and "The Sum of All Fears." But despite the success, the author's



This 2010 image released by G.P. Putnam Sons shows author Tom Clancy in Huntingtown, Md. Clancy, the bestselling author of "The Hunt for Red October" and other wildly successful technological thrillers, has died. He was 66. Penguin Group (USA) said Wednesday that Clancy died Tuesday in Baltimore. The publisher did not disclose a cause of death.

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relationship with Hollywood was often contentious. While he enjoyed the exposure, he regretted the lack of creative control. "Giving your book to Hollywood is like turning your daughter over to a pimp," he famously said. "He took pot-

shots at a number of films," Kilday noted. "He didn't like that movies like 'Clear and Present Danger' and 'Patriot Games' didn't simply reproduce the plots of his novels," which were too complex to fit into a two-hour screenplay. □

Def Leppard talks cancer, concert film, new music

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Rocking with Def Leppard between bouts of chemotherapy proved healing for guitarist Vivian Campbell. The 51-year-old musician relied on his bandmates and the thrill of performing to help him through a diagnosis of Hodgkins lymphoma (he started treatment in April). The band hit the road this summer for a monthlong tour that wrapped in July.

"We've actually been able to work through it," said Campbell. "We did the shows in Europe while I was doing chemo ... and mentally that was a big part of my recovery."

"I'm glad I had the opportunity to work through it instead of stay at home and feel sorry for myself," he added.

After more than 30 years together, Def Leppard isn't slowing down for cancer — or anything else.

Fans can get a front-row seat to see the band at local cineplexes on Wednesday and again next week in "Def Leppard Viva! Hysteria Concert." Filmed during a Las Vegas residency earlier this year, it shows the quintet doing something unprecedented: performing the 1987 mega-hit album, "Hysteria," live from start to finish.

"It was fun, actually, and a totally different way of doing it," said guitarist Phil Collen. "It was a different dynamic doing the album in full, and it was much more theatrical." Part of the theatrics came in the form of Ded Flatbird. Singer Joe Elliott suggested the band open for itself during its first-ever Vegas residency, but



In this photo taken Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2013, British rock group, Def Leppard, from left, Rick Allen, Phil Collen and Vivian Campbell pose for a photo in Los Angeles.

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do it as a fake cover band. "We would actually go out and pretend to be Ded Flatbird, who were supposedly the greatest Def Leppard cover band in the world," said Campbell.

"Joe gave us all aliases. We became different characters, and as the shows progressed, we kind of developed those personalities a little bit more, and that was a fun part of the show...

"Then, of course, the curtain reveal and it's Def Leppard doing 'Hysteria.'" Ded Flatbird performed nightly during the nine-show engagement, playing obscure material from the early days of Def Leppard and other tracks apart from the "Hysteria" album. Ded Flatbird's performances are included in the double CD and DVD set, "Viva! Hysteria," out on Oct. 22. "We were so convincing that a lot of people didn't actually realize it was us," said drummer Rick Allen. "We actually got booed by a few people." "Because we went out and found another one-armed drummer!" Campbell quipped. (Allen lost his left arm in a car accident a year after the release of the band's breakthrough album, 1983's "Pyromania.") □

"Glee" actor Monteith died of heroin, alcohol mix



Jane Lynch presents a tribute to Cory Monteith on stage at the 65th Primetime Emmy Awards at Nokia Theatre on Sunday Sept. 22, 2013, in Los Angeles. Monteith died on July 13.

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VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — The British Columbia Coroners Service said Wednesday investigators found a spoon with drug residue and a used hypodermic needle in the

hotel room where "Glee" actor Cory Monteith was found dead in July. The coroner's final report issued Wednesday, confirmed initial findings that Monteith died from using intravenous heroin combined with alcohol.

The 31-year-old Canadian-born actor was found dead in a Vancouver hotel room July 13.

"I classify this death as accidental," coroner Claire Thompson said in her report.

Monteith had checked into the hotel on July 6 and when he didn't check out as expected on July 13, hotel staff entered his room and found him unresponsive on the floor. Two empty bottles of champagne were also found in the room.

"Mr. Monteith was found in a collapsed position the hotel room floor," the report said.

"It appeared that Mr. Monteith had been dead for several hours."

Hotel video footage showed him returning alone to his room at 2:16

a.m. on July 13.

The investigation said Monteith had a history of illicit drug use with intermittent periods of rehabilitation and of abstinence from drugs. It said when people who have refrained from using opioids such as heroin for a while, their tolerance for the drug decreases.

Monteith was honored at the Emmy awards last month.

His death recalled the lives of Heath Ledger, Corey Haim and River Phoenix — actors who battled substance abuse and died in their 20s and 30s.

Monteith had talked bluntly about struggling with addiction since he was a teenager, calling it a serious problem and telling Parade magazine in 2011 he was "lucky to be alive."

In that interview, he said he was using marijuana and drinking by age 13, and his drug use was "out of control" by the time he was 16. "Anything and everything, as much as possible," he said. "I had a serious problem."

Monteith admitted himself to a treatment facility in April for substance addiction, a representative said at the time.

"Glee," with its catchy song-and-dance numbers and high-profile guest stars like Gwyneth Paltrow and Britney Spears, became an instant hit when it debuted in 2009.

Monteith served as the show's resident hunk with a heart of gold. The show's producers have called him an exceptional performer "and an even more exceptional person." □

With new film, Ja Rule looks ahead after prison

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ATLANTA (AP) — Ja Rule, who recently spent nearly two years behind bars for illegal gun possession, landed a role in a new movie because screenwriter Galley Molina empathized with the rapper's missteps. "People used to ask, 'Well, you know he's a felon?' And I would say, 'Well, so am I,'" recalled Molina, a 44-year-old pastor who was locked up for five years for drug trafficking. "I know his heart. I know what type of dude he is and he was probably one of the most professional guys on the set."

"I'm in Love With a Church Girl" will debut Oct. 18 in more than 500 theaters in the U.S. Ja Rule stars as a high-level drug dealer who struggles to leave his illegal lifestyle behind after getting into a serious relationship with a church-going woman played by Adrienne Bailon of Cheetah Girls and 3LW fame. Stephen Baldwin, "Sopranos" actor Vincent Pastore and Michael Madsen also appear in the movie.

The film, which was produced by Molina and Grammy-winning Christian



This Aug. 12, 2013 photo shows rapper Ja Rule during an interview in Atlanta. Ja Rule, who recently spent nearly two years behind bars for illegal gun possession, landed a role in a new movie because screenwriter Galley Molina empathized with the rapper.

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singer Israel Houghton, is based on Molina's life. Ja Rule was hired while his gun possession cases were pending. He was released from house arrest in July after he had served most of a two-year sentence in a New York state prison before his subsequent transfer into federal custody in a tax evasion case. He admitted to failing to pay taxes on more than \$3 million earned between 2004 and 2006. "This role was very different for me," said Ja Rule, whose film credits include "The Fast and the Furious."

"I've done a lot of films that all have been pretty edgy. I played thug characters, even though I play a thug somewhat, he's really a guy going through a transition."

The 37-year-old Ja Rule, born Jeffrey Atkins, said he put on 30 pounds in jail and read a number of books. He also earned his GED and said ex-New York State Comptroller Alan Hevesi and ex-Tyco International CEO Dennis Kozlowski urged him to pursue higher education. □

Mia Farrow: 'Possible' son is Frank Sinatra's

NEW YORK (AP) — Mia Farrow says in an interview with Vanity Fair that it's possible her son with Woody Allen is instead Frank Sinatra's.

Farrow told the magazine that she and Sinatra "never really split up" and when asked if Ronan Farrow might actually be Sinatra's son, she answered, "Possibly." Ronan Farrow tweeted Wednesday: "Listen, we're all (asterisk)possibly(asterisk) Frank Sinatra's son."

A representative for Allen told The Associated Press, "The article is so fictitious and extravagantly absurd that he is not going to comment." Mia Farrow was married to Sinatra for 18 months. Asked about the Sinatra family's relationship with Ronan, the singer's daughter, Nancy Sinatra Jr., told the magazine he "is a big part of us, and we are blessed to have him in our lives."

Farrow and Allen had a 12 year relationship but split in 1992, when the actress discovered the director was having an affair with her adopted daughter from another marriage. Soon-



In this Sept. 22, 2011 file photo released by the United Nations Foundation, Ronan Farrow, Special Adviser to the Secretary of State for Global Youth Issues, speaks during the Social Good Summit in New York.

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Yi Previn, now Allen's wife. A lengthy custody battle followed for Ronan and the couple's two other children, in which Farrow accused Allen of sexually abusing another adopted child. Allen's attorney continued to deny the allegations in a statement to the magazine.

Ronan Farrow graduated from college at 15 and went to Yale Law School before becoming a Rhodes scholar and special adviser to the Secretary of State for global youth issues. □

A Way Of Life Is Ending. Thank Goodness



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Imagine having to pick just one of your children to save, while leaving the others to face death. One of my most searing experiences as a reporter occurred in Cambodia, where I met a woman whose daughter had just died of malaria and who was left caring for seven children and grandchildren.

The woman, Nhem Yen, showed me her one anti-malaria bed net and told me how every evening she agonized over which children to squeeze under it - and which ones to leave out and expose to malarial mosquitoes.

That's the kind of excruciating question that extreme poverty forces on families.

For thousands of generations, a vast majority of humans have lived brief, illiterate lives marked by disease, disability and the loss of children. As recently as 1980, a slight majority of the world's people lived in extreme poverty, defined as surviving on less than \$1.25 in today's money.

Yet in a time of depressing news worldwide, about dysfunction and crisis from Syria to our own Congress, here's one area of spectacular progress.

The share of the world's people living in extreme poverty has been reduced from 1 in 2 in 1980 to 1 in 5 today, according to the World Bank. Now the aim is to reduce that to almost zero by 2030. There will still be poverty, of course, just as there is far too much poverty lingering in America. But the extreme hanging-by-your-fingernails subsistence in a thatch-roof hut, your children uneducated and dying - that will go from typical to essentially nonexistent just in the course of my adult life.

Here's something even more important than congressional name-calling or the debt limit: New approaches are saving millions of children's lives each year. In 1990, more than 12 million children died before the age of 5. Now that figure is down close to 6 million. Bill Gates, whose foundation with his wife, Melinda, pioneers the vaccines and medicines saving these lives, tells me that in his lifetime the number will drop below 1 million.

Illiteracy is retreating and technology is spreading. More people worldwide now have cell-phones than toilets.

Timeout for a skeptical question that is both callous and com-

mon:

When additional kids survive in poor countries, does that really matter? Isn't the result just a population explosion leading to famine or war, and more deaths?

That's a frequent objection, but it's wrong. When child mortality drops and families know that their children will survive, they are more likely to have fewer babies - and to invest more in them. There's a well-known path from declining child deaths to declining births, which is why Bangladesh is now down to an average of 2.2 births per woman.

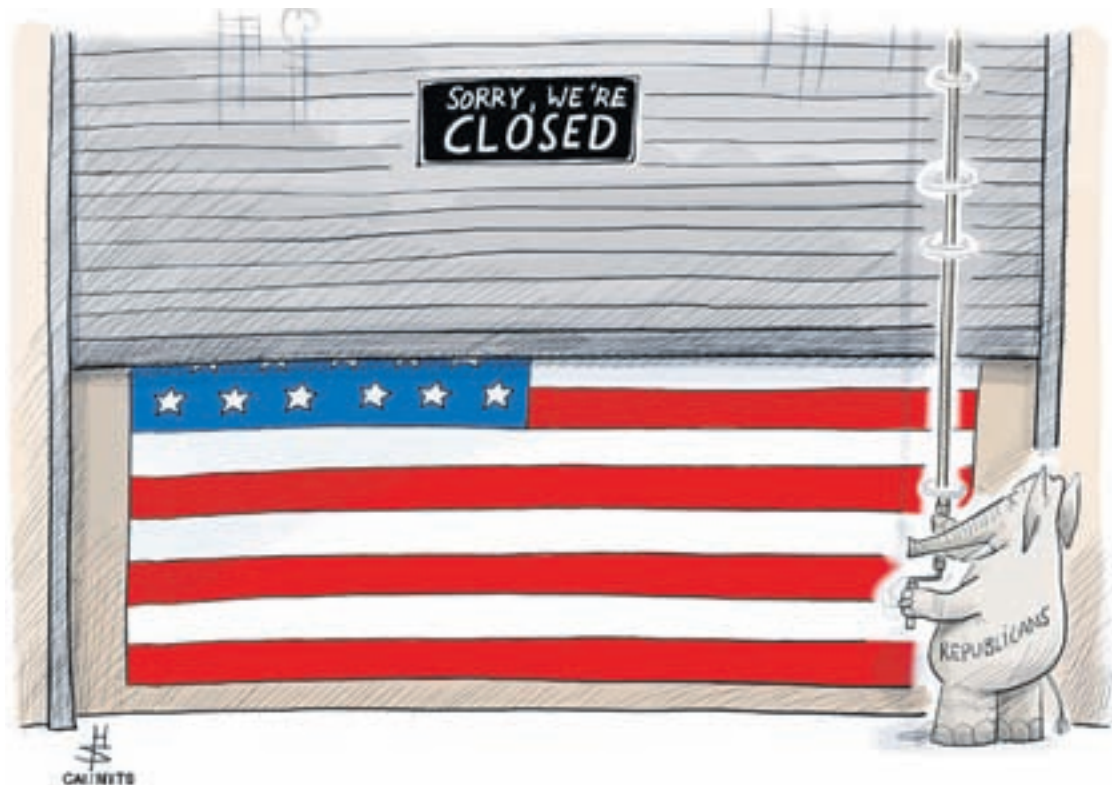
Ancient diseases are on the way out. Guinea worm and polio are likely to be eradicated in the coming years. Malaria has been brought under control in many countries, and a vaccine may reduce its toll even further.

AIDS is also receding. Last year in southern Africa, I interviewed coffin-makers who told me grumpily that their businesses were in recession because AIDS is no longer killing large numbers of people.

The drop in mortality understates the gains, because diseases don't just kill people but also leave them disabled or unproductive, wrecking the economy. Poor people used to go blind routinely from disease or were unable to work for want of reading glasses. Now they are much less likely to go blind, and far more likely to get glasses.

These achievements aren't just the result of work by Western donors or aid groups. Some of the biggest gains resulted from economic growth in China and India. When the poor are able to get jobs, they forge their own path out of poverty.

Rajiv Shah, the administrator of the U.S. aid agency, says he is optimistic that extreme poverty will be eliminated by 2030 but notes that increasingly the focus will have to be on lagging countries like Congo. Aid groups are everywhere in countries like Rwanda or Malawi that are easy to work in, but scarce in eastern Congo or the Nuba Mountains of Sudan where the needs are desperate but working conditions can be dangerous and primitive. Despite the gains, a Pew poll early this year found that the budget area that Americans most wanted to cut was "aid to the world's needy." Perhaps one reason is that aid groups and journalists alike are so focused on problems that we leave the public mistakenly believing that the war on poverty and disease is being lost. So let's acknowledge that there's plenty of work remaining - and that cycles of poverty in America must be a top priority at home - yet also celebrate a triumph for humanity. The world of extreme poverty and disease that characterized life for most people throughout history may now finally be on its way out. □



Those Banana Republicans



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They say that the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result. Why is it that the Republicans in Congress seem so determined to prove this maxim?

Let's start with the Affordable Care Act, a.k.a. Obamacare. The exchanges that are at the heart of Obamacare - making it possible for people who are currently uninsured to buy health care - open for business on Tuesday. Ever since the Republicans took control of the House, they have held vote after vote to roll back the law, even while ignoring important business like, say, fixing the Postal Service. I think it's been 43 times in all - votes that have been utterly pointless, in that the Senate is still run by Democrats, and the law is President Barack Obama's signature achievement, and there's no way on God's green earth it will be repealed.

But never mind. As Oct. 1 has neared - the date both Obamacare kicks in and the government needs to be funded - Republicans moved to another tactic, which was every bit as hopeless. They began demanding that Obamacare be reversed - or at least delayed - as part of any deal to keep the government running. (At one point they had a lengthy wish list that was so implausible it was almost laugh-out-loud funny.)

But to the surprise of absolutely no one, when Republicans added the anti-Obamacare language to the "continuing resolution" designed to finance the government (for all of six weeks!), the Senate quickly rejected the House bill and insisted instead on a continuing resolution that did nothing but what it was supposed to do: fund the government. Republicans, meanwhile, would not back away from their demand that the "CR" had to be linked to a delay in Obamacare. "I see almost no hope of avoiding a government shutdown," Rep. Jim Cooper, a conservative Democrat from Nashville, told me Monday afternoon. It's possible, of course, that House Republicans will pass a continuing resolution in the wee small hours, after this column has gone to bed. But it's very unlikely.

And that's the second way in which Republican strategy seems to have run off the rails. This constant brinkmanship, which Republicans bring on with their unrealistic demands and deadlines, consistently redounds against them. It makes you wonder what they are trying to accomplish.

But, of course, we know what they are trying to accomplish. They are trying to mollify the extremist element of their party, the Tea Party Republicans who vote in primaries and who have succeeded in electing lots of House members and a handful of senators, such as Ted Cruz of Texas and Marco Rubio of Florida.

The House speaker, John Boehner, won't bring "a clean CR" - that is, a continuing resolution without any of the anti-Obamacare language - not because it won't pass, but because it probably would, which would infuriate the Tea Party wing of his party and jeopardize his leadership post. Indeed, as Boehner well knows, many House Republicans

do not want the government to shut down and would probably vote for the Senate's clean bill if given half a chance. Their unwillingness to speak out against the extreme faction in their party is shameful. And it's tragic that, at a time when the House desperately needs a strong speaker, it has John Boehner instead.

What was clear Monday was that if the government does shut down, the Republicans are going to be blamed. All day long, we watched the Democrats, starting with Obama, make the case that Republican demands were unreasonable, and, indeed, dangerous, given what was at stake. Republicans spent the day on the defensive. Sen. Elizabeth Warren, the liberal Democrat from Massachusetts, described Republican tactics to me as "hostage taking." Harry Reid, the Senate majority leader, told reporters that if "we can't pass this" - meaning a clean CR - "we're only truly entering a banana Republican mind-set."

I hate the fact that I now know what a "clean CR" means. It's the kind of inside-the-Beltway term that the country only learns about when there is some big crisis in Washington, as there is now. A government that functioned would fight over the budget but would ultimately pass a budget. This government can barely hobble from one CR to the next.

A party controlled by its most extreme faction will ultimately be forced back to the center. The Democrats learned that when Walter Mondale was losing to Ronald Reagan, and Michael Dukakis to George H.W. Bush. Now it is the Republicans who don't seem to understand that their extreme tactics are pleasing a small percentage of their countrymen but alienating everyone else.

Can't wait for the debt-ceiling crisis. It's just weeks away. □

A NATURAL EXPRESSION OF SELF

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NEW YORK - Dante de Blasio's towering Afro, a supporting player in his father's mayoral campaign, riveted attention once more last week when it caught the eye of President Barack Obama. Introducing Bill de Blasio at a Democratic fundraiser in midtown Manhattan, Obama digressed to point out, "Dante has the same hairdo as I had in 1978. Although I have to confess my Afro was never that good."

Nor was it as voluminous, or as apparently devoid of a political charge. As 16-year-old Dante implied in an interview with DNAInfo.com, an online local news source, hair is just hair. "Some people want to take photos and I'm really just happy," he said. Others want to reach out and touch it, and some did at last week's fundraiser, their enthusiastic petting

prompting the elder de Blasio to joke that he might have to call security.

The mayoral candidate was doubtless aware that Dante's outsize hair placed him in a league with a current generation that has adopted what once was a badge of revolt as an emblem of style's cutting edge. Resurgent in films and television and the streets, inspired by a galaxy of pop culture idols, the Afro today seems friendly enough, even downright disarming - a kinder, gentler "natural" pretty much shorn of its militancy.

Images like those of Halle Berry's tightly coiled halo or Nicki Minaj's poodly pink Glamfro on the cover of *Allure* last year have played a part in resurrecting the hallmark style. Hoping to stand apart from her more famous sister, Solange Knowles last year chopped her chemically processed hair to reveal the wedge-

shaped Afro that has since become her signature. And the actress Viola Davis showed off her natural curls at the Oscar ceremonies a year ago after walking most of the red carpet season in a wig; Prince poses regally in his Afro on the August issue of *V* magazine.

Even the customarily conventional Oprah Winfrey stepped out to front the September issue of *O*, the Oprah magazine, in a 3.5-pound wig that spanned its cover nearly edge to edge above the cover line: "Let's talk about HAIR!"

The style's current iteration bears little kinship to the anti-gravity hair flaunted in the late 1960s by Angela Davis, Eldridge and Kathleen Cleaver and other icons of the Black Power movement.

"In the '60s the Afro was looked upon as 'Wow, you're stepping out there, you're really going against the grain,'" said Andre Walker, the man who fluffed Winfrey's wig into its umbrella-size proportions. In contrast, "When I talk to a lot of the kids from this generation," he said, "the whole civil rights movement, it's very vague to them."

"I don't think they really know the meaning of how radical an Afro was in the day," Walker added. "It's a different time now."

Though his father wore an Afro in the 1970s and '80s, 16-year-old Noah Negron, a high school senior in Brooklyn, was not bowing to family tradition or the politics of a bygone era when he decided to grow out his hair.

"I'm an environmentalist," he said. "That's where the locks come in. It's like all natural."

Reluctant to treat her hair with potentially damaging lye, another Brooklyn resident who identified herself only as Tamar A., declared: "This is just how my hair grows out of my head. I'm not trying to make a statement. I'm just more comfortable being who I am."

Those comments were



Destinee Davis, who wears her hair in the style of an afro, in New York, Sept. 24, 2013. Though it has become increasingly popular, especially in hipster enclaves like Brooklyn, the Afro has yet to claim the status of a widespread trend.

(Elizabeth Lippman/The New York Times)



Aru Banks, who wears his hair in the style of an afro, in New York, Sept. 24, 2013. Images like those of Halle Berry's tightly coiled halo and Nicki Minaj's poodly pink Glamfro on the cover of *Allure* last year have played a part in the slow resurgence of the afro.

(Elizabeth Lippman/The New York Times)

echoed by the often eco-conscious champions of unprocessed hair captured in photographs by Michael July in his new book "Afros: A Celebration of Natural Hair." Many of his subjects told July that going natural was a way of embracing their racial heritage or rekindling their self-esteem.

At the time of its genesis some 50 years ago, the Afro was far from acceptable. Both white and older black Americans viewed it as a threat to the prevailing social order. The deliberately confrontational look adopted by Carol (Yaya Alafia) in "The Butler," raised hackles in the street and in the home of Louis, her boyfriend (David Oyelowo). So incensed was Louis' mother (Winfrey) by the younger woman's waywardness that she aborted a family dinner, throwing her out of the house.

Willie Morrow, a pioneer of the blowout, as the Afro was known in the '70s, and one who popularized the Afro-pick, the oversize comb that many wore like diadems, recalled, "When

you walked down the street it made a firm statement, much like saggy pants make a statement today.

Black parents would say to their youngsters, 'Don't wear that comb; it sends a message.'"

Bebe Moore Campbell adopted an Afro in the early '70s, aware of her parents' discomfort. They "were grappling with a very real emotion," Campbell wrote in *Ebony* in 1982. "When 'militant' became the rallying cry for calling out the National Guard, big naturals made good targets." Today in some quarters the style sends a message of a different sort.

"The stigma with some black women seems to be that 'nappy hair' is almost as bad as a loo roll trailing from your shoe," actress Thandie Newton said last year to Kay Montano, a beauty blogger. When Newton permitted her daughters to grow their hair "wild and scruffy," as she described it, "I had remarks about how I don't take care of their hair." □